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Select Board appoints finance director

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Monday, Sept. 9, Select Board Chair Greg Bendel opened their meeting establishing that all the board members wore gold that night in honor of childhood cancer awareness month.

The board received a memo from Town Manager Eric Slagle to set a schedule for a proposed special Town Meeting on Dec. 7. He reminded the board that residents voted that the MBTA zoning proposal be referred to the Planning Board with the expectation they would have more information for a vote later this year. Slagle mentioned that he met with the town moderator, the town clerk, and other staff members to determine an optimal day for Town Meeting, and Dec. 7 was proposed.

Kevin Caira asked about the other two items that were proposed for the meeting. Slagle explained that one of them is a bad bill in the amount of around \$4,000, and the other is an eminent domain matter regarding properties on Wildwood Street.

Frank West suggested that Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich be brought into a meeting ahead of the special Town Meeting relative to the zoning proposal.

West then asked if there were any updates on the ongoing lawsuit related to the MBTA communities requirement. Slagle answered that the arguments in the Milton case would be made before December, but it would be longer than that before any decision is made. However, the postponed date would provide more time for the decision to be released.

Slagle also mentioned that the date was proposed after confirming a lack of conflict with Veterans Services to avoid a week night when residents would have to drive home in the dark.

The board voted unanimously in favor of holding a special town meeting on Dec. 7.

DPW Director Jamie Magaldi wrote to the board relative to a stop sign request at Carolyn Road and Marcia Road, recommending a stop sign not be put in. Lilia Maselli pointed out that the police department studied the area and concurred with Magaldi.

West wondered what else could be done in lieu of a stop sign, and Caira said that Magaldi's conclusion states the town will install stop bars. Assistant Town Manager Judy O'Connell

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Select Board approves one-day alcohol license for Fall Fest

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — General Manager of In the Mix Beverage and Catering Jim Lepasino and Wilmington 4th of July Committee Chairman Patrick Giroux presented for the Select Board on Monday night to seek a one-day alcohol license to sell beer and wine at Fall Fest.

Giroux reminded the audience that Fall Fest has been approved by the board to be held on Saturday, Sept. 28. He shared the 4th of July Committee's desire to enhance the event with beer and wine sales. In that regard, they met with the police department to iron out logistics and received the department's unwavering support. They then interviewed vendors and selected In the Mix.

Lepasino described that he personally joined the

company in 2019, but the company is about eight years old and female-owned. He mentioned that the company serves over 100 events annually including the towns of Burlington and Arlington.

They have three full-time employees and can hire 20 bartenders for any given day. For this event specifically, they would host three bar stations selling just beer and wine, nothing above five percent alcohol, with a three-drink limit per person. Every person who purchases a drink would have their age verified.

Giroux added that all the bartenders are tip certified, and everything would be served in clear plastic cups. There will be fencing and signage to indicate that no alcohol be brought out of the municipal parking lot which is considered the consumption area, along with public safety offi-

cials present.

He also stated that there will be no outside containers allowed in.

Giroux pointed out that there was an error in the paperwork and they were looking for the license to go from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. instead of 11:30 a.m.

Lilia Maselli asked how they would track the three-drink limit, and Lepasino described how they would provide a wrist band after someone is verified as over 21 and mark the wrist band for each drink purchased. Giroux said that anyone who has noticeably overconsumed will be denied.

West asked if the rain date for Fall Fest should be included in the motion to approve, and Giroux agreed.

Giroux offered to set last call for 3:45 p.m., and any drinks have to be left behind when attendees must leave the property at 4 p.m.

Town Manager Eric Slagle confirmed Police Chief Joe Desmond's written approval for the license.

Gary DePalma asked if they would have additional security, and Lepasino stated that a supervisor would be present managing the overall site.

Kevin Caira asked if In the Mix would pay the cost of adding police detail, and Giroux explained that the cost would be paid by the committee and In the Mix. He said that all of the details would be ironed out between the committee, the vendor, and the police department.

Caira went on to question how alcohol sales will enhance this event. He pointed out the possibility of someone cutting off their wristband and then getting a new wristband allowing them to have more drinks. He also asked about the location of the consump-

tion area and the liability insurance. Lepasino confirmed that he emailed over the liability insurance earlier that day.

Caira maintained that he didn't want to take on the responsibility for anyone drinking and driving, so in this case he'd prefer to talk to the police chief and town counsel and ensure that neighbors are notified before they approve the license.

West asked if they would sell unopened alcohol, which they agreed they wouldn't. He said he was comfortable with the proposal, but he could understand Caira's hesitation, and he asked if they would consider a two-drink maximum instead.

Lepasino said they would limit drinks however the town requires, but Giroux explained that they've followed the examples of other similar events and

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Wilmington Library News:

Afternoon concert with Jon Waterman on Thursday, Sept. 19

Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night
Monday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the Library.

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL
50+ Job Seekers
Networking Group
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 9:30 a.m.

The Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group meets via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This week's topic (Sept. 18) is Resumes.

Afternoon Concert:
Jon Waterman —
A Journey Through the Roots of American

Popular Music
Thursday, Sept. 19, 2:30 p.m.

A program of songs and stories about characters and events at the origins of the blues, rock and country music.

Novel Ideas
Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. This month's featured book is *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* by Helen Simonson.

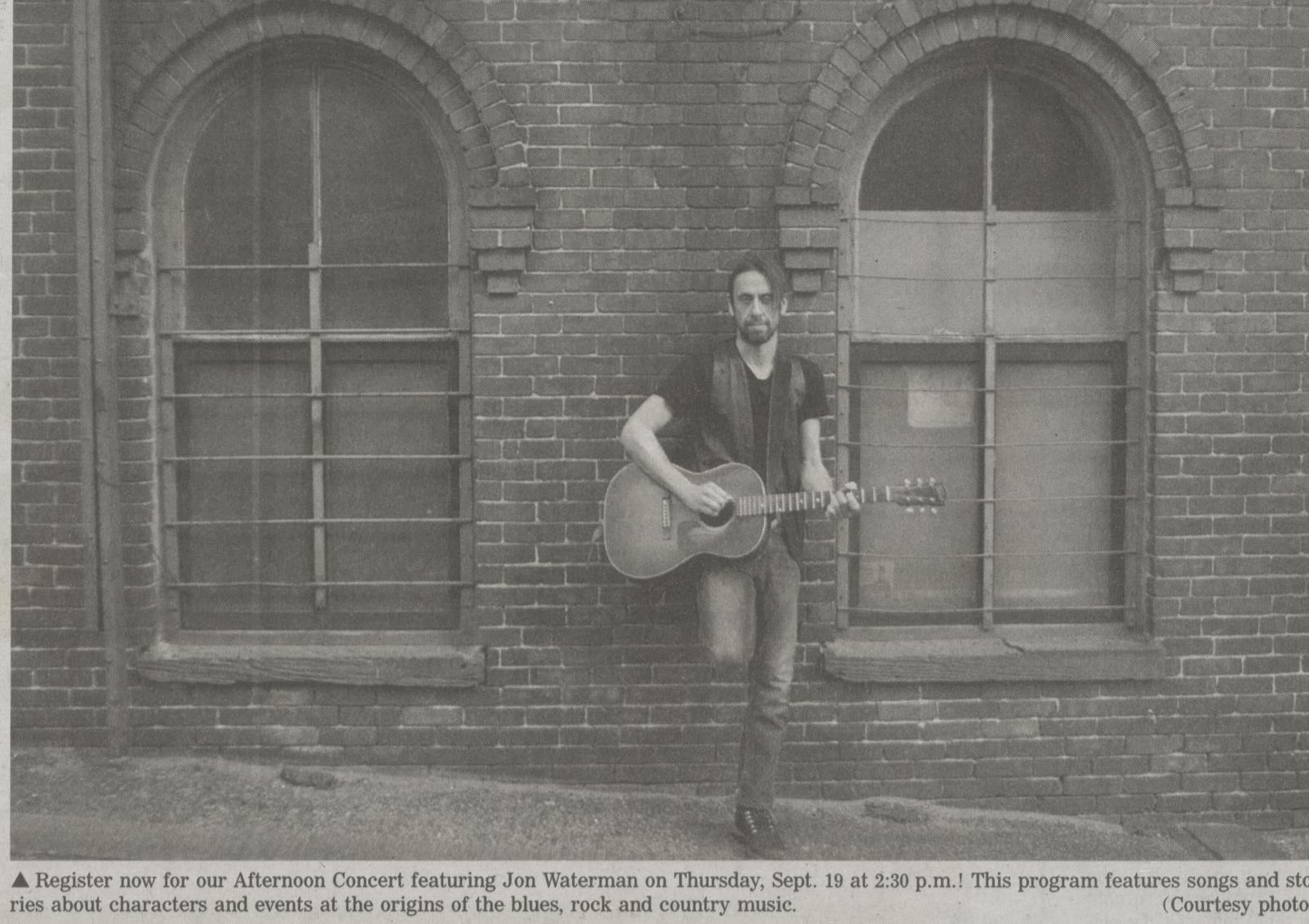
Needleworkers
Friday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

VIRTUAL
Poetry Circle

Saturday, Sept. 21, 9:15 a.m.

Do you enjoy writing poetry? Want input on your work? If so, this group is



▲ Register now for our Afternoon Concert featuring Jon Waterman on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 2:30 p.m.! This program features songs and stories about characters and events at the origins of the blues, rock and country music.

(Courtesy photo)

for you! Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alebras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll at adultservices@wilmlibrary.org. Please include the title of the program in the subject heading. This event will be held over Zoom. You will receive an invite from the presenter prior to the program date.

Youth Programs

Bilingual Story Hour
Monday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.
Practice using your home language with the Community Teamwork Family Resource Network! Each month, Community Teamwork will read a story in a non-English language. We encourage parents to join us and participate in whatever language they speak.

At the playgroup participants will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. If you are interested in volunteering to help lead a Bilingual Story Hour, please reach out to Chris Cole, CTI's CFCE Supervisor, at ccole@commteam.org. Ages

0-6 and their caregivers

Kids Book Cafe
Monday, September 16, 6 p.m.

A book tasting for students in Grades 3-5. Sample a variety of books, both fiction and nonfiction, revolving around the same genre or theme. Each session will include either a themed snack or activity! Grades 3-5

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Candy Sushi
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.

Let's make sushi at the library — out of candy! Grades 6-12

Time for Twos
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Family Craft Night:

Tiny Art Show

Creations!

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m.

Excited about the Tiny Art Show and want to submit but don't know where to start? Come to this all ages event where you can paint or draw your 3x3x3 art. Only canvases, paint, markers, colored pencils, and crayons will be provided for the 25 registrants. If you would like to attend and bring your own supplies, please email

kids@wilmlibrary.org, instead of registering. All ages

Baby Time

Thursday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Manga Tryouts

Thursday, Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m.

Have a say in manga purchased for the teen collection with this new club! During each meeting, we'll sample 1st volumes

of different manga, and vote on whether it should be added to WML's collection. Grades 6-12

Switch it Up!

Video Game Club

Friday, Sept. 20, 3:45 p.m.

Love video games? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

The Zoo Comes to the Library

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m.

Meet Zoo New England field biologists and learn about how they're protecting local wildlife and what you can do to help! All ages are welcome, and you'll get the opportunity to meet some very special turtle hatchlings! All ages

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next

Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks

for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

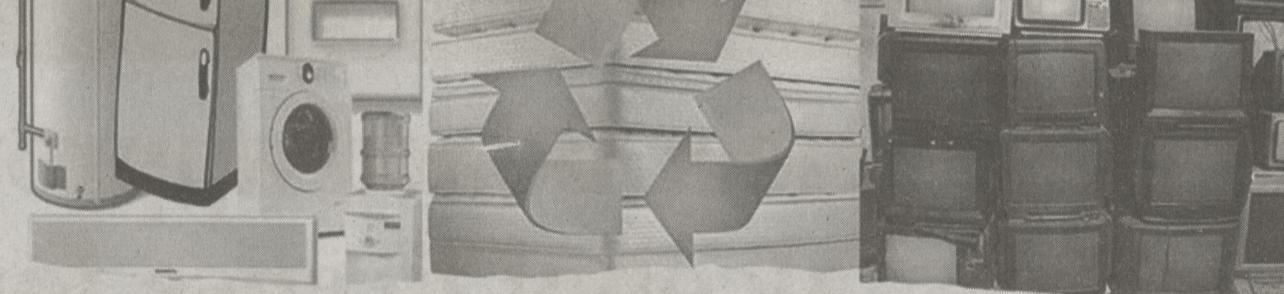
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

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Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Under the Lights
Season 3 Episode 3 —
It Begins
(Officially)

The preseason has officially begun for Wilmington High football, cheer and The Best Band in the Land. In Episode 3 we follow the cheer squad as they show 50 kids how to be a cheerleader for a day. We get all the sights and sounds from opening practice for the team, and learn all about band camp. Laugh yourself silly as the team, cheerleaders and band discuss who would

win — and who would fail terribly — in a team-wide assassin game (hint, international man of mystery Marvin Jean would be the favorite to win it, and Vibush, JP and Josue probably... wouldn't fare too well). Finally, the Wildcats head over to Winchester High for their first scrimmage of the season.

Book Stew Episode 129 — Lamar Giles

Tune in as the seasoned host of Book Stew, Eileen MacDougall, welcomes YA author Lamar Giles back for his SEVENTH appearance and his new supernatural thriller *Ruin Road*. You don't want to miss this one!

*These programs can be

viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's YouTube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m. Wildwood School Building Committee

View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. Wildwood School Building Committee

View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

Unscrupulous tax preparers may tempt taxpayers into fraud:

— PART I —

Unscrupulous tax preparers and tax fraud promoters make big promises — and charge high fees — but taxpayers are legally responsible for what's on their return. Taxpayers should use only reputable tax professionals and know what is on their tax return. Although scammers are most active during filing season, they operate year-round, and taxpayers should always be on the lookout for these abusive schemes.

Employee Retention Credit claims: Taxpayers should be aware of aggressive pitches from scammers who promote large refunds related to the Employee Retention Credit. With ads all over the internet, social media and radio, fraudulent promoters try to con ineligible people to claim the credit. These promotions have false information about who's eligible and how the IRS calculates the credit. Some of these ads exist solely to collect fees from the taxpayer or to take the taxpayer's personal info and steal their identity.

False fuel tax credit claims: The fuel tax credit is meant for off-highway business and farming use and is not available to most taxpayers. Unscrupulous tax return preparers and promoters are enticing taxpayers to inflate their refunds by erroneously claiming the credit.

Schemes aimed at high-income filers: These include schemes like abusing charitable remainder trusts and monetized installment sales.

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Lifestyle



▲▼ Protected wilderness areas in our country refer to not only forests and mountain areas, but also deserts, meadows, tundra, lava beds, sand dunes, swamps, and coastlines.

(Heather Burns photos)

September is National Wilderness Month

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

For those who not only enjoy all the beauty that mother nature has to offer, but are also concerned with preserving our nation's natural landscape for generations to come, there is some exciting news for the upcoming month.

On Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, President Biden proclaimed September 2024 as National Wilderness Month.

This year, National Wilderness Month falls on the 60th anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act. This federal land management statute was created to protect federal wilderness and create a formal mechanism for designated wilderness areas.

Federal wilderness areas are designated by an act of Congress, providing the highest level of legal protection for our federal

public lands in the U.S.

America's natural landscapes are part of our nation's identity, history and heritage.

By conserving our natural landscapes, we protect the wildlife and plant life that are native to specific regions of our country as well as protect the livelihood of those who depend on our land and water.

Our nation's first designated wilderness area, Gila Wilderness, located in Silver City, New Mexico, was established 100 years ago. This was the beginning of a new era of federal conservation.

According to a post on the official website of the White House (www.whitehouse.gov), the Biden Administration has been committed to the "America the Beautiful" initiative to support locally led, voluntary conservation and restoration efforts across the country.

To date, the Biden administration has conserved more than 41 million acres of the Nation's land and water, and is committed to the conservation goal of protecting at least 30 percent of the Nation's land and water by 2030.

Protected wilderness in this country not only refers to forest and mountain land areas, but also deserts, alpine meadows, tundra, lava beds, sand dunes, swamps and coastlines. All of these areas represent the diverse landscapes that make up our great nation.

During National Wilderness Month, we are encouraged to celebrate those who steward and care for our precious designated wilderness areas.

Wilderness areas in the United States are managed by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Throughout September, the National Park Service will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Wilderness Act by inviting the public to visit one of the 800 federally protected wilderness areas.

While visiting, the National Park Service encourages visitors to practice their prescribed wilderness etiquette by following the "Recreating Responsibly" and the "Leave No Trace" guidelines to help keep our outdoor spaces enjoyable for generations to come.

For those unable to visit one of the federal wilderness areas in person, the National Park Service is offering an online webisode series of "America's Wilderness" which offers an up close and educational look at the many different protected landscapes of our Nation.

In celebration of National Wilderness Month, you can also consider volunteer opportunities offered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers many volunteer opportunities for all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Volunteer commitments can be just a few hours a week or month or at one of their many single day volunteer events.

This September, while we all enjoy the changing season and the natural beauty that autumn in New England has to offer, be reminded of the necessity of protecting our Nation's beautiful landscapes.

To find out more about the "Recreating Responsibly" and the "Leave No Trace" guideline series, or to virtually visit "America's Wilderness," visit www.nps.gov.

To find out more about wilderness volunteer opportunities near you, visit www.fws.gov.



Visit Moraine Farm in Beverly

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

With a few weeks of good weather left, there's no better time to get out and explore a new place. Head up to the North Shore to discover Moraine Farm in Beverly, a dynamic and accessible property blending nature and history.

Named "Best Place to Walk" in Massachusetts for summer 2024 by Yankee Magazine, this newly opened property is operated by the nonprofit Trustees of Reservation, which has been slowly acquiring pieces of land to create a reservation from a patchwork of ownership for the past two decades.

The property was originally designed in the late 1800s by Frederick Law Olmsted, a prolific landscape architect who worked on Central Park in New York, the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina, and the US Capitol complex in Washington, DC.

The City of Beverly owns an adjacent parcel of conservation land, and the Trustees operate a community garden for Beverly residents and groups to have the opportunity to participate in year-round production of local food.

Carriage loops circle the property, allowing visitors to retrace history. The property is named after its naturally-shaped landscape — a moraine is an accumulation of debris left behind by a glacier.

Olmsted designed the property to take advantage of the glacial impacts, creating an opportunity for views over Lake Wenham, which supplies water for

the cities of Beverly and Salem; the lake is bounded by an esker, a steep ridge of sand deposits also created by a glacier.

The property is quiet, and offers plenty of opportunity to listen for birds.

The terrain can be slightly hilly and uneven, but a wide range of trails lets visitors choose their most comfortable path. The site is also popular for mountain biking. The South Carriage Loop passes through an open meadow, and wildflowers abound for visitors to see and smell.

The property is also home to several partnerships, including the Cape Ann Waldorf School and the Tufts University Sustainable Farming Project. Olmsted, a scientific farmer, developed an underground drainage system for farming on the property, and his legacy is kept alive through continual agricultural experimentation.

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The Estate at Moraine Farm is a popular wedding venue — pass below the expansive stone patio and you may hear cheerful reception noises while exploring the Ramble, a tunnel-like trail shaded by rhododendron and mountain laurel. Be sure to visit the picturesque garden pavilion and fish pond — this

hidden gem is perfect for photos.

The original owner of the property, John C. Phillips, was a shipping merchant in Boston, and his son William constructed a mansion in what is now the nature preserve. That mansion burned down in the 1960s, but the overgrown ruins are mysterious fun to explore.

The property is open year round from sunrise to sunset. Learn more and find trail maps at www.thetrustees.org/place/moraine-farm.



▲ Moraine Farm, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, has many hidden gems, including a patio garden perfect for photos.

(Rosalyn Impink photo)

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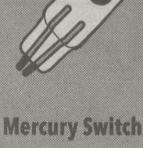
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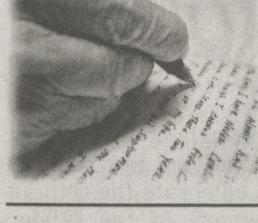


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Letter to the editor

New family restaurant 'sure to be success'

To the editor,
My wife and I were treated to a great Sunday breakfast at Michael McCoy's latest venture "The Real McCoy," and the restaurant's name is perfect.

The interior is well laid out with open seating and booths for folks wishing a more private setting. The two-page breakfast menu couldn't be more complete and options for minor changes are offered.

The food was well pre-

pared, delicious and servings were abundant. The waitstaff were welcoming and attentive.

At a time when many restaurants are closing down, a family restaurant like "The Real McCoy" is a welcome addition to the Town of Wilmington and is sure to be a success!

Walter Collings
Fairmeadow Road
Wilmington

Upcoming local events

September 14, Book donation drive, Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please no dictionaries, textbooks, or encyclopedias.

September 15, Family Day at Northeast Christian Church, 12 - 4 p.m., Bouncy houses, food, games. Public invited. 995 Andover St.

September 16, Free Line Dancing 7 - 9 p.m., Wamesit Lanes. Every Monday in September.

September 17, Free Community Dinner, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St. Drive through or stay and visit.

September 28, Community Health Fair, 30th anniversary free health screenings, flu shots, giveaways, meet your state representatives, learn about public health, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free

September 29, Smallpox Cemetery Walk, Middlesex Canal, Billerica. Sign up at PublicHealthmuseum.org, \$15. 10 a.m. - noon.

September 29, Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library, Bowl-a-thon at Wamesit Lanes, 6-9 p.m. \$30 per person or \$150 for a team of six includes two hours of lane rental, shoe rental, pizza and unlimited soft drinks. Tickets may be

purchased online at the Friends website, <https://www.friendstplibrary.org/bowlathonwamesit>

October 1, Candlelight Overdose Vigil, 6 p.m. name signing of loved ones lost, 6:30 p.m. start of vigil. Tewksbury Hospital, 365 East St., Tewksbury.

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. PublicHealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

Shawsheen Adult Education announces two new partnerships to address workforce needs

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Adult Education is excited to announce two new strategic partnerships designed to address workforce shortages in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Municipal Water Treatment. These collaborations respond to the growing demand for skilled professionals in both fields, providing accessible, high-quality education for adult learners pursuing certification and career advancement.

The partnership between Shawsheen and Metrowest EMS Educators will deliver a 160-hour comprehensive Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program. This course exceeds both National and State Curriculum standards for EMTs, equipping students to take the national and Massachusetts certification exams.

The course will be offered in a hybrid format, combining self-paced online coursework with in-person, hands-on training, starting on Wednesday, Oct. 2. According to ONET Online, the demand for EMTs and paramedics in Massachusetts is expected to grow 14 percent annually through 2030, emphasizing the importance of this program.

Shawsheen's new part-

nership with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPC) comes in response to local town managers highlighting the challenges of filling skilled municipal water treatment positions. Further research, confirmed by labor market data from MassHire Metro North, identified approximately 150 unfilled jobs in the Greater Boston area, underscoring the need for professionals in this field.

To address this demand, Shawsheen is partnering with NEIWPC to introduce an "Introduction to Municipal Water Treatment" course as part of its fall 2024 program. Additionally, a free seminar titled "Flush to Fresh: Working in the World of Wastewater" will be held on Nov. 13, from 6 - 8 p.m. This seminar will highlight career opportunities and pathways in the wastewater industry.

"The role of Shawsheen's adult education program is to provide enrichment, certificate, and licensure programs to the citizens in our community," said Allison Cammarata, Director of Communications and Community Partnerships. "We aim to offer programs that align with local workforce needs and economic trends while maintaining

high educational standards. Our goal is to create career pathways that benefit both our students and the regional economy."

Shawsheen's Fall 2024 Adult Education program offers a variety of new courses alongside its established programs. Classes are open to the community, with rolling start dates now through December.

For more information or to register for courses, including the free "Flush to Fresh" seminar, visit ShawsheenTech.asapconnected.com. Inquiries can be directed to adulted@shawsheentech.org.

About Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District

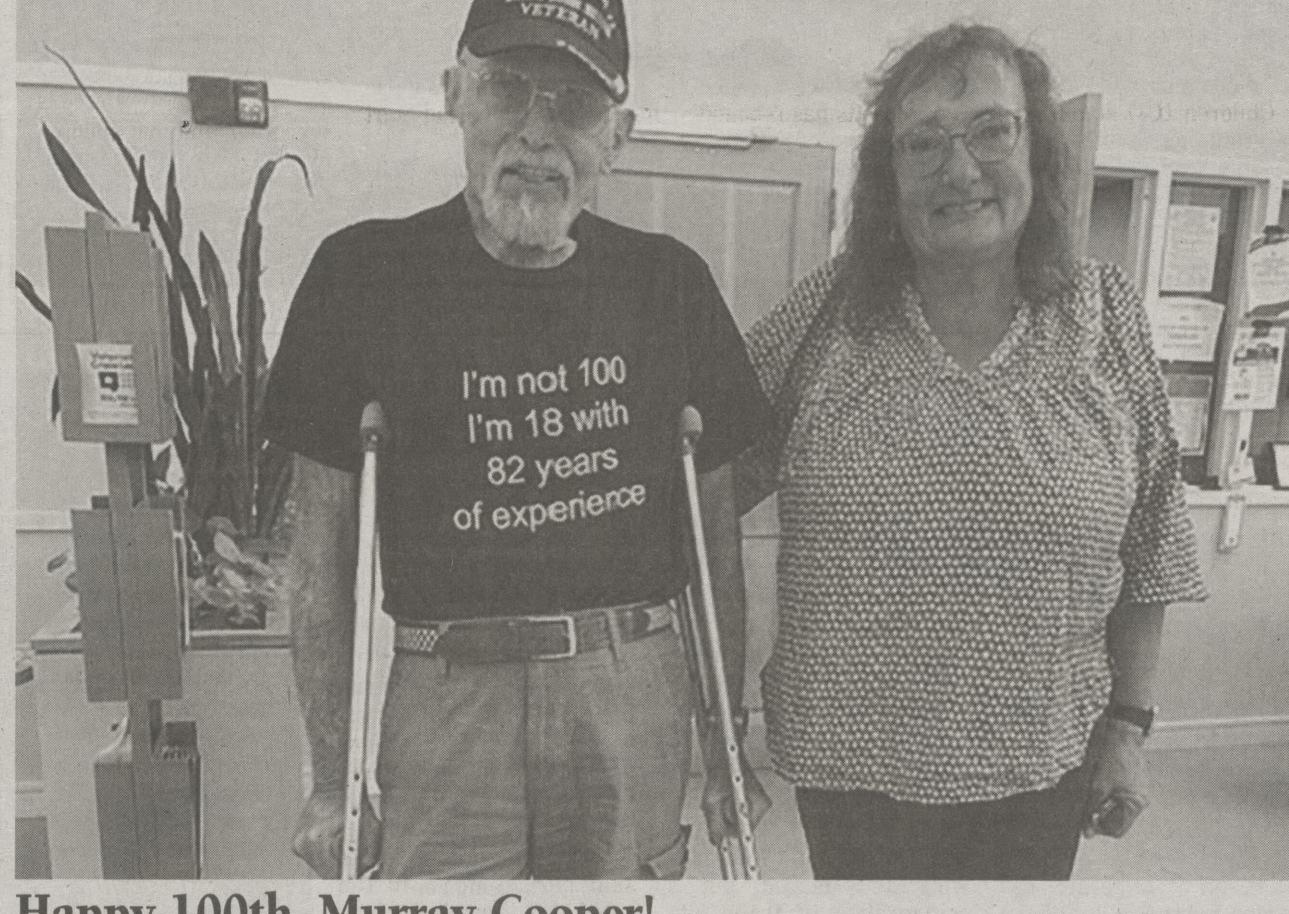
Established in 1965, Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District (SVRVTS) stands as a beacon of educational excellence, placing students at the center of its mission. Proudly serving the communities of Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington, Shawsheen caters to the diverse needs of over 1,300 students in grades 9-12.

Dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education, Shawsheen seam-

lessly integrates academics with a dynamic range of over 20 vocational-technical career pathways. Located in Billerica, Massachusetts, Shawsheen's expansive 100-acre campus hosts an exceptional school building adorned with high-end and industry relevant equipment, athletic fields, twenty-four varsity sports, and a plethora of extracurricular clubs and activities.

With a passionate faculty and staff, Shawsheen remains committed to its mission: "to provide a positive learning experience in a safe educational environment that encourages all students to reach their full potential, emphasizes the value of a strong work ethic, and prepares them for adult life in a competitive world."

Beyond its traditional academic offerings, Shawsheen Valley Technical School extends its educational reach through Adult Education, Afterschool Enrichment Programs, Community-focused Events, and Summer Programs. The district continually strives to expand its rich and diverse programming, embracing the belief that education is a lifelong, continuous process with numerous paths leading to a successful and fulfilling life.



Happy 100th, Murray Cooper!

Veteran Murray Cooper celebrated his 100th birth-

day recently. Part of the Army Air Corps (the pre-

cursor to the Air Force), Cooper served in WWII.

Born in 1924, Cooper stops by the senior center to say hello from time to time and attends veterans events. According to Di-

ane Joy of the Tewksbury Veterans Office, Cooper still plays a round of golf occasionally! Way to go, Murray!

(Paige Impink photo)

Book Stew Review

'An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny' by Laura Schroff

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Now 13 years from publi-

cation date, this recounting of an amazing friendship is perhaps even more relevant now than it was

then.

Laura Schroff, a woman with a childhood usurped by a violent, alcoholic father, passes a young Black boy panhandling in midtown Manhattan and then, in a complex twist of fate, turns around and takes him to a McDonald's for a meal.

They feel an instant unexplainable bond and continue meeting up weekly. Maurice is living in a dangerous welfare hotel, surrounded by the addicts in his family in what passes for a home. He and Laura become fast friends, and each improves the other's life immeasurably.

Laura tells their stories brilliantly, having the reader feel the consequence of every one of their interactions. Her painful childhood makes her a complete empath, and she and Maurice have survived different impossible circumstances.

Laura's inclusion of Maurice improves her rocky family life (with the exception of a new and non-involved husband), and their joyous dinners around a large dining room table, and his own intelligence and resourcefulness, save them both.

The audio book reader, Pam Ward, is excellent.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Paul 'Tom' Craig

Enlisted in the United States Army

Thomas Paul "Tom" Craig, age 85, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on Sept. 9, 2024.

Tom was born on April 6, 1939, in Juneau, Alaska. He was the son of the late Thomas P. and Mildred (Woodside) Craig. Tom was raised in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School. He also attended Fisher College where he earned his associate degree in Business Administration.

Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army on Feb. 25, 1960. He proudly served for more than a year before being honorably discharged on May 16, 1961. Following his discharge, Tom returned home to his family in Wilmington.

Tom married Vivian P. (Sentner) Craig on Nov. 26, 1961 and shared more than 62 years of marriage. Tom and Vivian settled in Wilmington, where they raised their three children, Sandra, Tom Jr. and Janice.

Tom was a devoted husband and father who enjoyed spending time with his family. He attended many school and sporting events for his children.

Tom was delighted when he became "Papa" to his five grandchildren, Connor, Aleisha, Tom III, Ryan, and Kay-

la. He looked forward to their visits and enjoyed attending his grandchildren's hockey and soccer games.

Tom shared a special love of trains with his grandson Connor; they traded train stories and attended train shows together.

Tom was known as a "Fix-it" guy; he loved to refurbish old Ford tractors and enjoyed old cars. Tom liked to try and fix anything that was broken and took great care of his things. He enjoyed woodworking and created many beautiful wooden treasures that he shared with his family.

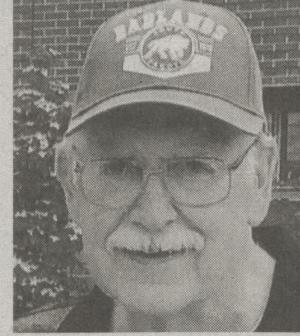
Tom loved his life and his family; he took great pride in his relationships with his family and friends. Tom loved to write and receive special letters.

He loved to travel, especially out West, where he visited family along the way, especially in Nebraska, Minnesota, and Arizona.

In his spare time, Tom enjoyed listening to Gospel music. He also enjoyed history, especially the Civil War era and was a member of the Lowell Sportsman's club.

Tom was a wonderful husband, father, Papa, and friend. He will be greatly missed and remembered.

Tom was the beloved husband of Vivian P. (Sentner) Craig, devoted father of Sandra, Craig and Charles



Moyer of Wilmington, Thomas Craig Jr. and Jen Brody of Tewksbury, and Janice Kelleher and her husband Michael of Billerica, loving "Papa" of Connor Moyer, Aleisha Gionet, Thomas Craig III, Ryan Kelleher, and Kayla Kelleher, and three great-grandchildren.

Tom is also survived by many loving cousins and special friends.

Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Service at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will follow at the Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday, Sept. 13 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Memorial donations in Tom's name may be made to Local Heroes, P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Healey-Driscoll Administration celebrates national leadership in making child care more affordable and accessible

LOWELL — The Healey-Driscoll Administration, state legislators, local officials and providers highlighted Massachusetts' national leadership when it comes to making child care more affordable and accessible. In particular, Massachusetts is the only state in the nation to continue funding the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) stabilization grants for providers at the same level as the federal government.

The Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) budget signed by Governor Healey sustains the state's commitment of \$475 million for this program and makes it permanent. Last year, the C3 program contributed to a seven percent increase in child care programs, adding more than 10,600 child care slots across the state.

"This summer, the Healey-Driscoll administration held 14 in-person and virtual listening sessions across Massachusetts. One thing we consistently heard from early education and care programs was how crucial C3 grants are," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.

"The pandemic era stabilization grants for the child care sector were a first and clearly demonstrated how critical this type of funding is to stabilize, heal, and transform the early education and care system.

By continuing these grants on a permanent basis with full state funding, Massachusetts continues to lead the nation."

"One of the most important levers to address the market failure leading to high child care costs and low educator wages has been the C3 program. Under Governor Healey's leadership, and in partnership with the Legislature, C3 remains a critical funding mechanism for the early education and care sector that provides ongoing operational resources to programs," said Early Education and Care Commissioner Amy Kershaw.

"With the continuation of this program, the state is investing in sustained and expanded capacity to serve working families and workforce and program quality and is building a system that is more accessible and affordable for all families."

"Massachusetts is the number one state for women, for having a baby and for raising a family. That's in large part due to our commitment to making the strongest child care and early education investments in the country," said Governor Maura Healey.

"Our nation-leading efforts have added thousands of new child care slots across the state, and we're continuing to partner with the Legislature to make child care more affordable and support our hardworking providers."

"The C3 program has been a huge success in keeping child care programs open, adding more seats, increasing educator salaries and reducing costs for families. Massachusetts is proud to be leading the way by sustaining this vital program," said Lieutenant Governor Kim

Driscoll. "We know that child care is foundational to our economy and key to our competitiveness, and want to make sure that employers, investors and workers alike know that Massachusetts provides the best access to affordable child care."

Thanks to strong state investment, the early education and child care system in Massachusetts has rebounded and now exceeds pre-pandemic licensed capacity by 7,100 child care spaces, representing a total increase of approximately 37,000 seats compared to the pandemic low in the Spring of 2021.

Earlier this year, recognizing the essential role child care plays in supporting the state's economy and competitiveness, Governor Healey signed an executive order directing all state agencies to help make child care more affordable and creating an Early Education and Child Care Task Force. The task force includes all cabinet Secretaries, who engages with industry and business leaders, organized labor, and other experts.

They recently held a series of listening sessions across the state to gather input to help inform the administration's approach to affordable child care.

"Along with increasing our ability to fairly compensate teachers and staff, C3 grants and other state supplemental funding have enabled us to meet the increasing needs of our children and families. The soon to be open, Rita O'Brien-Dee Center for Behavioral Health and Development, is one of our responses to the great challenge of mental health for our children, staff and families and continued funding through C3 grants is helping us to provide this much needed programming for our community," said Karen Frederick, Community Cares for Children (C3) grants are a testament to that commitment," said Lowell Mayor Daniel P. Rourke.

"By prioritizing affordable and accessible child care, we are not only investing in our children's future but also supporting the hard-

working families who are the backbone of our communities. These grants reflect our shared values and our unwavering dedication to ensuring that every child in Lowell and Massachusetts has the opportunity to thrive."

"Massachusetts has always been at the forefront of championing initiatives that improve the lives of our residents, and the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) grants are a testament to that commitment," said Lowell Mayor Daniel P. Rourke.

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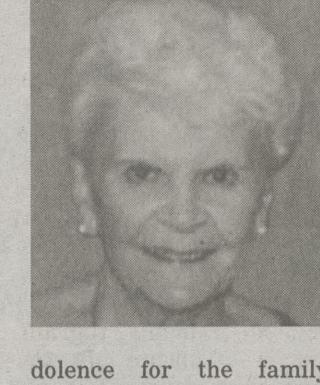
Funeral services were Wednesday

Catherine A. (Harrington) Dickinson, of Wilmington, formerly of Charlestown, passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 5, 2024.

She was the loving daughter of the late Jeremiah and Margaret (Murphy) Harrington, beloved wife of the late Richard P. Dickinson, dear sister of Anne Sullivan of Charlestown, the late John, Gerald, Dennis, Michael, and James Harrington, Mary McLaughlin, Eileen Mirra, and Margaret Neitz.

Catherine is also survived by many special nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and dear friends.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 11 a.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.



Donations in Catherine's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

To leave a message of con-

dolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Wilma Marilyn Dodd

Helped create computer used in Jurassic Park

Wilma Marilyn Dodd, a loving mother, sister and "Grammy," passed away after a 30-year battle with Parkinson's Disease on Aug. 26, 2024.

Born on Jan. 10, 1939, in Unity Plantation, Maine, she was the daughter of Clinton and Evelyn Webb.

Marilyn is survived by her children Russell and his wife Kathy of Billerica, Brian and his wife Phyllis of Richmond, VA and Amy of Athol.

She was the devoted grandmother to five grandchildren, Kara, Brady, Jaime, Abby and Dylan.

She is also survived by her siblings, Geraldine Lancaster of Skowhegan, ME, Allyn Webb and his wife Patricia Webb of East Madison, ME and Avlyn Kell of Reidsville, NC.

Marilyn was predeceased by her sister Emily Webb Courtmanche. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Born in Maine and raised in Massachusetts, Marilyn graduated from Wilmington High School in 1957, where she was a member of Glee Club and Prom Committee. Following high school, she dedicated her life to raising her three children.

As a mother, Marilyn was selfless and would do anything for her children and supported them in everything that they did. Marilyn

was resourceful and able to make the littlest things special.

She provided for her children, working at an ice cream sandwich factory, sparking joy for her children by bringing home the imperfect products.

She also started her own cleaning business and worked for Sweetheart Plastics.

Most proudly, she worked at Thinking Machines in Cambridge and was part of the team that created the computer used in the Jurassic Park movie.

Marilyn was a "Jane of All Trades." When the home she raised her children in had a fire, she restored the cabinets herself, intent on creating a beautiful and respectable home.

While raising her young children, Marilyn found community and role models for her kids in the Jehovah's Witnesses. She grew to believe and love the Kingdom Hall and what it stood for.

Marilyn was also a lover of gardening, camping and delicious food. When her kids were grown, she shared many adventures with her best friends Millie, Helen and Peggy. Later in life, Marilyn worked part time evenings as a security guard where, despite her Parkinson's Disease, she would lift weights in the gym on her rounds.

Visitation and memorial service will be on Monday, Sept. 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Fiske-Murphy & Mack Funeral Home, 110 New Athol Road, Orange, MA 01364.

In memory of Marilyn's life, the family is requesting that donations be made to michaeljfox.org in lieu of flowers.

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Tewksbury Public Schools offers meals at no cost

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Public Schools participates in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Tewksbury Public Schools offers healthy meals every school day at every school to all students. The Commonwealth is supplementing National School Lunch Program funds to ensure all students have access to healthy school meals in Massachusetts, regardless of household income.

They ask that families complete a Meal Benefit Application as this provides data for school funding and community resour-

ces. The results from each Meal Benefit Application is used to ensure sustainability for this program.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start Pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household

does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart. (See chart at right)

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school or direct to the Food & Nutrition Services Office at 139 Pleasant St., unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Applications are available at each school office or at Food & Nutrition Services, 139 Pleasant St., Tewksbury and online on the school website.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data.

Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact the Food & Nutrition Services Department at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, the Director of Food & Nutrition Services will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Pa-

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for school year 2024-2025

Household size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$19,578	\$1,632	\$377	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$536
2	\$26,572	\$2,215	\$511	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$728
3	\$33,566	\$2,798	\$646	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$919
4	\$40,560	\$3,380	\$780	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$1,110
5	\$47,554	\$3,963	\$915	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$1,302
6	\$54,548	\$4,546	\$1,049	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$1,493
7	\$61,542	\$5,129	\$1,184	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$1,685
8	\$68,536	\$5,712	\$1,318	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$1,876
Each additional person:	\$6,994	\$583	\$135	\$9,953	\$830	\$192

rents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, 139 Pleasant St., Tewksbury and online on the school website.

When known to Tewksbury Public Schools households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

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child is categorized, as defined by law as:

- Foster
- Homeless,
- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call DebraLee Mugford, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, Tewksbury Public Schools at 978-640-7800 or e-mail dmugford@tewksbury.k12.ma.us

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inary Services and Cicoria Tree Service.

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About Windrush Farm:

Founded in 1964, Windrush Farm is located on the North Andover/Boxford line. Windrush offers high-quality equine-assisted services to children and adults facing physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges.

Windrush is one of the oldest, and largest therapeutic riding centers in the United States.

For more information about Windrush Farm, please visit windrushfarm.org

Snider graduates from James Madison University

HARRISONBURG, VA — Jack Snider of Wilmington graduated with a degree(s) in Economics — BS from James Madison University during commencement exercises in August 2024.

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Tons to see, taste and do at the Wilmington Farmers Market

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

The annual Pet Parade led off this week's activities at the Wilmington Farmers Market — awards were given in many categories.

Dr Yaritza Gomez of Best Pets grabs some beautiful fall flowers to brighten up the office.

Wilmington's Jenn Bryson has her arms full of locally grown vegetables. (Joe Brown photos)



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Pending EOA Licensure. 

Rain date of Saturday, Oct. 5 set for annual Fall Fest

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establishments. DePalma said he would support the license knowing there was liability insurance and review from the police chief.

Giroux shared that the 4th of July Committee has a great relationship with the police department and they have extensive logistics meetings with the town as they plan their events. He established that

the name of the committee and town property is on the line, and they hired a professional company for this part of the event knowing that they could shut it down at any time.

He also agreed that they would use their standard letter to notify the neighbors about the event.

A resident commented establishing that the committee takes every precaution necessary to make their events happen and

this was a suggestion from the community. They added more activities, games, and food vendors after selling out of all the food last year.

The motion to accept the application for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with last call at 3:45 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 28 with a rain date of Oct. 5, passed with four votes in favor and one against. The opposing vote was made by Caira.

Board has stop sign questions

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confirmed the stop bars have already been painted.

Gary DePalma asked if all the town's stop signs could be reviewed, as he learned about an accident that took place where a driver ran through a stop sign that turned out not to be authorized. Bendel agreed to ask the town manager to have Magaldi investigate the stop sign at Taft Road.

A memo from Gingrich provided information about the recently passed Affordable Homes Act which would amend chapter 40A to allow certain types of accessory dwelling units as of right. Bendel mentioned that there was no action needed in this regard.

Slagle wrote a second memo to the board regarding the change in white goods stickers and what the cost of the sticker pays for.

The board voted in favor of appointing Stephanie L. Frontiera as finance director/town accountant. In discussion, Slagle shared glowing references received from an auditor and from the former Ipswich IT Director. Bendel agreed that Frontiera's experience was sufficient.

Caira abstained from the vote as he wasn't

present during the interview, so it passed with four in favor and one abstention.

They approved Caira's selection of Joseph Maselli for his designee on the Economic Development Committee. Caira shared that Maselli has a graduate's degree in finance from Bentley University.

West asked why Joseph Maselli wasn't elected to the Finance Committee, and Bendel explained that his vote to appoint Maselli on the Finance Committee failed for lack of a second.

Slagle added that he'd encouraged Joseph Maselli to reach out to the State Ethics Commission, who did not have any concerns about his service on either committee.

Kevin Caira and Lilia Maselli both abstained from this vote, and it passed with three votes in favor.

They also approved the request to hold the annual Horribles Parade on Oct. 27, to light the town common pink in October for breast cancer awareness, for the Wilmington Methodist Church and Boy Scouts Troop 56 to sell Christmas trees, and Friends of Field Hockey Boosters to hold a car wash on Aug. 24, 2025.

One resident and sev-

eral nearby community residents read a resolution as volunteers with United Sovereign Americans claiming voting inaccuracies in the Nov. 8, 2022 election and made requests for fairness in the 2024 election.

Kevin MacDonald asked about the board hosting someone from the Middlesex Retirement System to explain where the town's extra money toward retirement goes, and Bendel said he would take it under advisement.

In announcements, they shared congratulations to resident Alex Flynn who won a silver medal in the Paralympics for rowing. They also mentioned the MSBA vote on Oct. 8 and a flier going out to households with a link to a survey.

West gave a shoutout to Town Clerk Liz Lawrence and everyone involved in the town's elections.

The Salute to Service went out to John T. Krey, who served in the US Army from 1961 to 1963. Bendel mentioned that he became a science teacher at WHS and retired, and he recently passed away and been laid to rest. He gave condolences to his family and saluted him.

The board's next meeting will be on Sept. 23.

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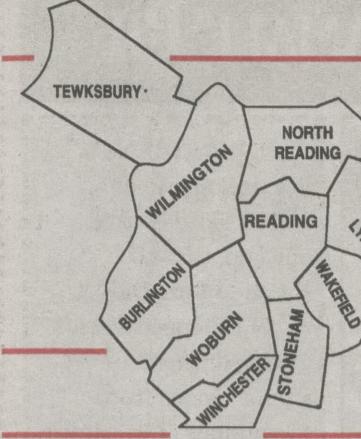


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The Public Health Museum in Tewksbury celebrates 30 years

PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

As the Public Health Museum in Tewksbury gears up for its 30th anniversary celebration, learn more about some of the history of this hidden gem, tucked into the historic - and iconic - Old Administration Building on the campus of Tewksbury Hospital.

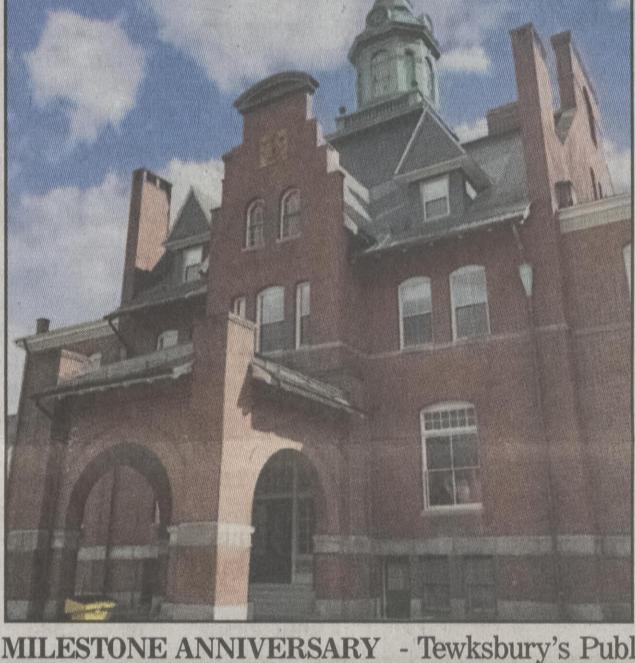
In 1990, as part of the centennial anniversary of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, public health professionals Chet Kennedy, Helen Meltzer, and Carolyn "Hooky" Darack, believed that a museum dedicated to educating the public about the importance of public health would be a lasting legacy for the organization and bring value to the community. Massachusetts was a leader in public health, and it seemed fitting to showcase that history and share it with the public. And what better place to locate it than on the campus of Tewksbury Hospital, founded in 1854 as an almshouse to care for the health needs of the poor.

The Old Administration building, an 1894 Queen Anne-style building, was chosen as the location for the museum and as part of the building's own 100th anniversary, efforts were made to restore the interior space. In 1994, the building and the Tewksbury hospital campus earned a place on the National Register of Historic Places. The imposing structure, designed by Boston architect John A. Fox, was part of a major effort in the 1890s to replace wood frame buildings with more durable and fireproof masonry structures. The building has appeared in many films, and the campus has played host to productions like Hulu's Castle Rock series, Manchester By The Sea, and others.

Through the efforts of Mary Jane Marcucci and Chet Kennedy, a committee of public health officials, lay persons, and the State Department of Public Health worked to create the museum. Kennedy, a former executive director of the Massachusetts Health Officers Association, established the museum as a nonprofit and began sharing public health history with the greater community. A collector of public health relics, Kennedy was a large contributor of the museum's early artifacts. The dream was realized when the museum opened on September 30, 1994. At the time, it was the only museum of its kind in the country.

The museum's current president, Amy Consalvi, said, "We have so much public health history here in Massachusetts."

• MUSEUM TO B-3



MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY - Tewksbury's Public Health Museum is located in the Richard Morris building on the campus of Tewksbury Hospital. The 1894 Queen Anne-style building and campus are on the National Register of Historic Places. The Public Health Museum is open to the general public and also hosts student tours, such as Middlesex Community College nursing students (photo, top right). Below right, a volunteer guides explain the history of public health. At the museum, public health nurses learn about the early training programs at Tewksbury Hospital.

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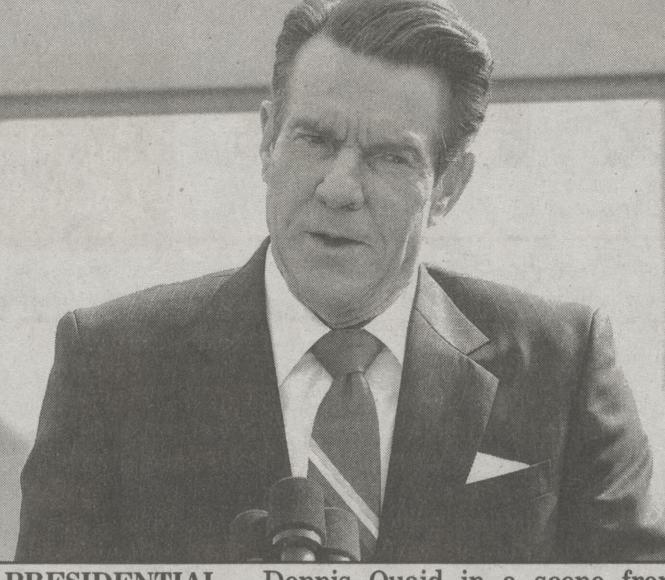
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Reagan' is more glowing commercial than biopic



LOOKING PRESIDENTIAL - Dennis Quaid in a scene from the film "Reagan" released by ShowBiz Direct.

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

"Is there anything worse than an actor with a cause?" asks an annoyed Jane Wyman, Ronald Reagan's first wife, early in "Reagan," the new biopic starring Dennis Quaid.

Well, after watching two more hours of this story, an adoring look back at the man who served two terms as our 40th president, we can report that there is definitely one thing worse: An actor without a movie.

Let's not blame the star, though. Quaid, who has played more than one president, has certainly got the charismatic grin, the powdered hair and especially that distinctive, folksy voice down — close your eyes, and it sounds VERY familiar. If he were to appear on "Saturday Night Live" in the role, it would feel like a casting coup akin to Larry David as Bernie Sanders.

But this is not an "SNL" skit, despite the fact that Jon Voight appears throughout with a heavy Russian accent as a KGB spy, but we'll get to that. This is a 135-minute film that demands a lot more depth. And, so, to co-opt a political phrase from Bill Clinton, whom Quaid also has

played: It's the script, stupid.

Lovingly directed by Sean McNamara with a screenplay by Howard Klausner, "Reagan" begins with a chilling event (and a parallel to a recent one): the assassination attempt on Reagan in Washington in March 1981, only two months after he became president.

There are those who say Reagan cemented his relationship with the public by surviving that attempt; he famously told wife Nancy from his bed: "Honey, I forgot to duck." In any case, the filmmakers use the event to set up their story, and will return to it later on, chronologically.

But their early point is that Reagan came away from the scare with a divine plan. "My mother used to say that everything in life happens for a reason, even the most disheartening setbacks," he says. And as he will tell Tip O'Neill, the House speaker, everything from then on will be part of that divine plan.

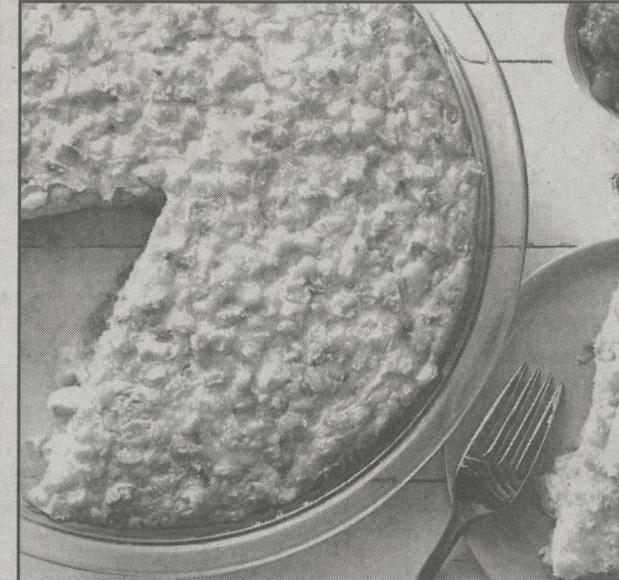
The yet broader point here is that Reagan, according to this film, was basically solely responsible for the eventual downfall of the Soviet Union, because he showed the people of the

world what freedom meant. "I knew that he was the one," says Viktor Petrovich, the retired spy played by Voight as a narrator figure throughout — meaning the one who would bring it all down. The script is based on Paul Kengor's "The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism," and Kengor has said Viktor is based on a number of KGB agents and analysts who tracked Reagan for years.

That point is made early and often. The rest is a history reel, with lots of glorious, loving lighting around our star. We go back to his younger years, learning about his mother and what she taught him about faith, and then his Hollywood years as an actor, Screen Actors Guild president (and a Democrat) before fully committing to politics, and the GOP.

We also see a newly divorced Reagan meet a winsome Nancy Davis, who will become his second wife, loving partner and constant companion. Like Quaid, Penelope Ann Miller is a perfectly fine actor who has little nuance to work with here. Together, they embark on the path to political stardom, starting with the California governorship. When

HomeNewsHere RECIPE



FAN FAVORITE - Fans of tamales will love this Chicken Tamale Pie! Favorite Mexican ingredients are topped with a savory corn batter and baked to perfection, resulting in a delicious, cheesy chicken tamale casserole. Serve it up by the slice for a family dinner with fresh toppings of lettuce, sour cream and salsa.

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 400°F. In 9-inch glass pie plate, stir chicken, chiles and taco seasoning until mixed. Sprinkle with cheese.

2. In medium bowl, stir Bisquick mix, cornmeal, milk, egg and corn until blended. Pour over chicken mixture and cheese.

3. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in topping comes out clean.

To serve, cut into wedges and top with lettuce, sour cream and salsa.

EXPERT TIPS

Make a quick side salad by mashing an avocado, stirring it into 1 cup of salsa, then spooning the mixture over shredded lettuce.

• If desired, you can substitute 1 pound ground beef for the chicken in this Chicken Tamale Pie recipe.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 package (9 oz) frozen diced cooked chicken, thawed
- 1 can (4 oz) Old El Paso™ Chopped Green Chiles, drained
- 2 teaspoons from 1 container (6.25 oz) Old El Paso™ Original Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend (4 oz)
- 1/2 cup Original Bisquick™ mix
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 can (11 oz) whole kernel corn with red and green peppers, drained

Toppings, as desired:
Shredded lettuce
Sour cream
Salsa

Cook the beef over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until brown, making sure to drain any liquid once cooked.

• For a little heat, add 1 canned chipotle chile, seeded and finely chopped, to the chicken mixture.

to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and inexperience."

The line, which made Mondale himself laugh, got Reagan back on track in the race. The movie, not so much.

"History is never about when, why, how — it always comes down to 'who,'" says Voight's Petrovich.

"Reagan," a Showbiz Direct release, has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association "for violent content and smoking." Running time: 135 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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89 Wakefield St was sold to White, Dylan and White, Jaime by Roberts, Steven A for \$900,000 on 08/20/24

STONEHAM

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41 Floyd Ave was sold to Wrobel, Shelley A by Kydd, Christine for \$400,000 on 08/23/24

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9 Wildwood Rd was sold to Dellanno, Alec E by Narus Mildred Est and Goulet, Donna for \$550,000 on 08/22/24

21 Winter Ln #21 was sold to Wolfson, Matthew P and Dirk, Alexis N by Ramasamy, Subramanian and Balasubramanian, Poornim for \$684,000 on 08/19/24

WAKEFIELD

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As schools compete with cellphones, here's how they think they could win

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press



Students are struggling to stay engaged in class at a time of poor mental health, shortened attention spans, reduced attendance and worsening grades. At the crux of these challenges? Addiction to cellphones. Cellphone bans are gaining traction around the country, but many say they're not enough. They argue for alternative forms of stimulation: steering students into the outdoors or toward extracurricular activities to fill up time they might otherwise spend alone on their phones. And students need outlets, they say, to speak freely about taboo topics they'd otherwise discuss only behind the anonymity of their cellphone screens.

Isabella Pires first noticed what she calls the "gradual apathy pandemic" in eighth grade. Only a handful of classmates registered for service projects she helped organize at her Massachusetts school. Even fewer actually showed up.

When she got to high school last fall, Isabella found the problem was even worse: a lackluster Spirit Week and classes where students seldom spoke.

In some ways, it's as if students "just care less and less about what people think, but also somehow care more," said Isabella, 14. Some teens, she said, no longer care about appearing disengaged, while others are so afraid of ridicule they keep to themselves. She blames social media and the lingering isolation of the post-COVID era.

Educators say their tried and true lesson plans are no longer enough to keep students engaged at a time of struggling mental health, shortened attention spans, reduced attendance and worsening academic performance. At the crux of these challenges? Addiction to cellphones. Now, adults are trying new strategies to reverse the malaise.

Cellphone bans are gaining traction, but many say they're not enough. They argue for alternative stimulation: steering students outdoors or toward extracurriculars to fill time they might otherwise spend alone online. And students need outlets, they say, to speak about taboo topics without fear of being "canceled" on social media.

"To get students engaged now, you have to be very, very creative," said Wilbur Higgins, lead English teacher at Dartmouth High School, where Isabella will be a sophomore this fall.

Lock them up

Cellphone pouches, lockers and bins have grown in popularity to help enforce device bans.

John Nguyen, a chemistry teacher in California, invented a pouch system because he was so distressed by bullying and fights on phones during class, often without adults interfering. Many teachers are afraid to confront students using phones during lessons, Nguyen said, and others have given up trying to stop it.

At Nguyen's school, students lock their phones in neoprene pouches during classes or even all day. A teacher or principal's magnetic key unlocks the pouches.

It doesn't matter how dynamic the lesson, said Nguyen, who teaches at Marina Valley High School and now markets the pouches to other schools. "There's nothing that can compete with the cell phone."

Do something (else)

Some schools are locking up smartwatches and wireless headphones, too. But the pouches don't work once the final bell rings.

So in Spokane, Washington, schools are ramping up ex-

• MUSEUM FROM B-1

We're a state of firsts, and public health is no exception to this. Paul Revere was the appointed president of the first board of health in 1799, and was also one of the first people to practice forensic dentistry. You can step into the museum and see old dentistry tools, or look through the archives at the Annual Reports of the State Board of Health dating back to 1893, which really are a treasure trove of public health legislation and history."

"The building and campus brings the past to life for our visitors," said Consalvi, "and much of our work involves sharing the stories of those who lived, worked, and received treatment at the almshouse and hospital." Tours focus on public health history alongside stories of those who resided at Tewksbury.

The museum houses a collection of documents, maps, books, photographs, along with equipment used in the public health profession. Patent medicines, or

"snake oil," are of great interest to visitors. Early treatments for diseases such as tuberculosis, including ping pong balls that were used in the lungs, and treatments, both failed and successful, can be viewed. The museum has one of the only iron lungs on display in the United States; the machine was credited with keeping polio victims alive through lung compressions that assisted breathing.

In June, the museum unveiled its HIV/AIDS exhibit. The retrospective shows early resistance to acknowledging the disease, the associated stigma, survivor stories, and eventual treatments. One of the museum's own guides, Paul Costantino, is featured in the exhibit as both an activist and a survivor. Said Costantino, "HIV/AIDS is no longer a death sentence." Costantino encourages people to "get educated on how to live a long healthy life!" A memorial AIDS quilt and a memory wall are also part of the exhibit.

Many are drawn to the museum as volunteers. David Paquette said, "When

extracurriculars to compete with phones after hours.

An initiative launching this month, "Engage IRL" — in real life — aims to give every student something to look forward to after the school-day grind, whether it's a sport, performing arts or a club.

"Isolating in your home every day after school for hours on end on a personal device has become normalized," Superintendent Adam Swinyard said.

Students can create clubs around interests like board games and knitting or partake in neighborhood basketball leagues. Teachers will help students make a plan to get involved during back-to-school conferences, the district says.

"From 3 to 5:30 you are in a club, you're in a sport, you're at an activity," instead of on a phone, Swinyard said. (The district has a new ban on phones during class, but will allow them after school.)

At a time of high absenteeism, he also hopes the activities will be the extra push some students need to attend school. In a Gallup poll conducted last November, only 48% of middle or high school students said they felt motivated to go to school, and only 52% felt they did something interesting every day. The poll was funded by the Walton Family Foundation, which also supports environmental journalism at the AP.

Vivian Mead, a rising senior in Spokane, said having more after-school activities helps but won't work for everyone. "There's definitely still some people who just want to be alone, listen to their music, do their own thing, or, like, be on their phone," said Vivian, 17.

Her 15-year-old sister, Alexandra, said morning advisory sessions have improved participation in the drama club that keeps the sisters busy. "It forces everyone, even if they don't want to get involved, to have to try something, and maybe that clicks," she said.

Get outside

Thirteen middle schools in Maine adopted a similar approach, bringing students outdoors for 35,000 total hours during a chosen week in May.

It's empowering for students to connect with each other in nature, away from screens, said Tim Pearson, a physical education and health teacher. His students at Dedham School participated in the statewide "Life Happens Outside" challenge.

Teachers adapted their lessons to be taught outdoors, and students bonded in the open air during lunch and recess. At night, about half of Dedham's students camped, incentivized by a pizza party. Several students told Pearson they camped out again after the challenge.

"Whether they had phones with them or not, they're building fires, they're putting up their tents," Pearson said. "They're doing things outside that obviously are not on social media or texting."

Plea to parents

Parents must also make changes to their family's cellphone culture, some teachers say. At home, Ohio teacher Aaron Taylor bars cellular devices when his own children have friends over.

And when kids are at school, parents shouldn't distract them with check-in texts throughout the day, he said.

"Students are so tied to their families," said Taylor, who teaches at Westerville North High School, near Columbus. "There's this anxiety of not being able to contact them, rather than appreciating the freedom of being alone for eight hours or with your friends."

Fight fears of being 'canceled'

Some say other forces behind teen disengagement are only amplified by the cellphone. The divisive political climate often makes students unwilling to participate in class, when anything they say can rocket around the school in a

I returned to Massachusetts after a 42 year absence I was very happy to learn about the Public Health Museum and immediately volunteered to host tours. The opportunities in Public Health are as varied as its many disciplines. I was fortunate to work in the private and public sectors in areas of Prevention, Organization of Services, and Direct Service in HIV/AIDS, Vaccine Preventable Diseases, and Sexually Transmitted Infections programs. I am a retired Director of Public Health at the State and County Levels, and a member of the Chelmsford Board of Health."

But one need not have a background in public health to appreciate the history. Liz

Robinson said, "Following my retirement from the Tewksbury Public Schools, I was looking for a volunteer opportunity and applied to be a docent. I learned the fascinating story of Tewksbury Hospital's role in public health from the museum's artifacts and further learned about the campus and the buildings still standing. In addition, I researched and

developed a tour of the Pines Cemetery. I thoroughly enjoy sharing my newfound knowledge with our visitors."

Consalvi said, "It's been a

remarkable 30 years - it's

amazing what has been accomplished with an almost entirely volunteer-run organization.

It takes a lot of time and effort to run a mu-

seum, and we are incredibly

grateful for the energy the

volunteers bring, and the

countless hours they spend

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Visit the museum's

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Back to School!

messaging app.

Taylor's high school English students tell him they don't talk in class because they don't want to be "canceled" — a term applied to public figures who are silenced or boycotted after offensive opinions or speech.

"I'm like, 'Well, who's canceling you? And why would you be canceled? We're talking about 'The Great Gatsby,' not some controversial political topic,' he said.

Students "get very, very quiet" when topics such as sexuality, gender or politics come up in novels, said Higgins, the Massachusetts English teacher. "Eight years ago, you had hands shooting up all over the place. Nobody wants to be labeled a certain way anymore or to be ridiculed or to be called out for politics."

So Higgins uses websites such as Parlay that allow students to have online discussions anonymously. The services are expensive, but Higgins believes the class engagement is worth it.

"I can see who they are when they're responding to questions and things, but other students can't see," Higgins said. "That can be very, very powerful."

Alarmed at her peers' disengagement, Isabella Higgins' student, wrote an opinion piece in her school's newspaper.

"Preventing future generations from joining this same downward cycle is up to us," she wrote.

A comment on the post highlighted the challenge, and what's at stake.

"All in all," the commenter wrote, "why should we care?"

Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

15th annual Mai Cramer Blues After Hours concert-fundraiser at the Regent Theatre

Get your tickets now for the 15th annual Mai Cramer Blues After Hours concert-fundraiser featuring the three blues divas Michelle Willson, Diane Blue and Lisa Marie, legendary guitarist Ronnie Earl and Dennis Brennan and the White Owls.



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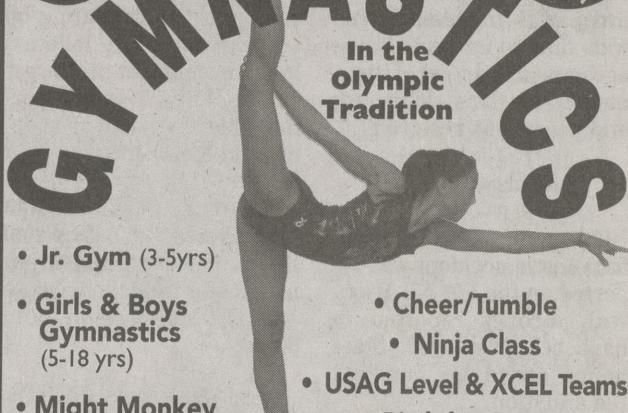
The fast-paced revue-style show takes place Sat., Oct. 5, at the restored Regent Theatre, 7 Medford St., Arlington, MA, at 7:30 pm.

The show will also feature Chris Fitz, Mudcat Ward, Tall Richard, and Big Chief featuring Jeff Giacometti and Peter Hi-Fi Ward.

Mai Cramer promoted blues music and artists on WGBH radio every weekend from 1978 until she died of breast cancer in 2002.

Proceeds will benefit the Ellie Fund, a Boston nonprofit that provides logistical help to women diagnosed with breast cancer and their families. Several authentic items from Mai's show will be offered for sale as part of the proceeds.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Lowell man arrested for OUI liquor following accident

Monday, September 2

12:31 a.m. - Caller reported a white Audi SUV driving erratically on Main Street. It ran a red light and was traveling on 38 southbound. Caller lost visual when they turned on to Chandler Street. Police sent, but the motor vehicle was gone on arrival.

1:32 p.m. - Caller reported a female party was refusing to leave Motel 6. Female party was not registered to the room and it was past check out time. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

6:26 p.m. - Caller reported a person dropped off a black backpack in her neighbor's yard against a tree and he was circling the street at South Street. He was wearing shorts and a camouflage sweatshirt. Police sent. Brendan Galvin, 35, of 89 Mall St. in Lynn, was arrested and charged with a warrant for destruction of property.

7:26 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle outside building for almost a week at The

Residences at Tewksbury. Caller reported the vehicle was parked in a handicap spot with a handicap placard and she was upset because it was the spot that she typically uses. Caller was advised a legally parked vehicle in a handicap spot with a handicap placard was not suspicious. Nothing further at this time.

Tuesday, September 3

3:42 p.m. - Caller requested a check of a suspicious male, possibly hispanic, late teens and six feet tall that was dropped off at the end of the street at Cobleigh Drive. The male was now walking around houses to wash windows. Police sent. Nothing was found matching the description.

Wednesday, September 4

2:26 a.m. - Five foot, light-skinned woman harassed drive-through customers at Burger King. She offered the caller heroin and crack for a ride to Lowell or the hospital. She was going to black out. Police sent. No one matched description at this time. The party was

gone on arrival.

11:27 a.m. - Caller reported someone cut wires to the pool motor at The Residences at Tewksbury. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

12:57 p.m. - A suspicious activity occurred at Livingston Street Park. The involved party was described as a white male approximately in their 30s. Vehicle had been seen around the same time at Livingston Street for the past couple of days. The operator went to both parking lots and did not get out of the vehicle. Police sent. Officer followed up and spoke with the involved operator. He stated before going onto work for the day, he was at Livingston Street park playing Pokemon Go.

Thursday, September 5

7:48 a.m. - Caller reported at the Tewksbury and Andover line, she saw a "city bus" and on the LED screen it read "emergency call 911." She was no longer on scene. She could not tell what company the bus belonged to.

10:09 a.m. - A suspicious vehicle was at Tewksbury

Police sent. Lowell was notified. They would contact the bus company to see if they had an emergency.

2:54 p.m. - Caller reported explicit photos were hacked through SnapChat at Van Burn Road. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

5:54 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver heading southbound on Route 38 from Lowell to Mobil Stadium Plaza. Caller reported vehicle last seen heading down Clark Road. Vehicle reported almost struck her vehicle's multiple times. Police sent, but nothing was found.

6:11 p.m. - Caller reported four people at his house upset about a product they bought from his yard sale at Andover Street. Police sent. Civil issue had been resolved.

Friday, September 6

3:23 a.m. - Caller who resided at M & B Seal Coating reported there was a black male wearing a coat walking up and down the street yelling. Caller was unsure what he was yelling about. Police sent. The male party was at intersection of Main Street and Chandler Street. Male party was not acting erratic, just looking for assistance with getting a ride home.

10:09 a.m. - A suspicious vehicle was at Tewksbury

Public Library. Police sent. Jonathan Cameron, 32, of 143 Ipswich St. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with a warrant.

1:44 p.m. - Caller stated vehicle was parked in front of some woods at Martha Avenue. Police sent. They checked the area. Vehicle was unoccupied and not obstructing traffic.

10:49 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party stomping on the ground on Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. All parties were spoken to.

Saturday, September 7

1:16 p.m. - Caller reported he was assaulted last night would like to speak with an officer at Bradford Road. Officer was sent and filed a report.

2:57 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an unwanted party that won't leave the room at Marriott Residence Inn. Police sent. Female party was spoken to. She overslept and would vacate the room.

4:25 p.m. - Caller reported he was assaulted by his employer at Luna Rose. Caller was waiting out front and wore black pants, green shirt, and carried a green purse. Police sent. It was a verbal disagreement between the caller and the owner. Officer filed a report.

5:58 p.m. - Caller reported black pickup truck parked at the side of the road for an hour at Sheffield Road. Two men wore gloves entering the wooded area. Police sent. They spoke to the two individuals. They were out for a hike.

7:49 p.m. - Owner from Jade East called to report a male party in his 50s was offered a cab to leave but was refusing and possibly intoxicated. Police sent. Male party was not incapacitated and was able to answer questions appropriately. Cab came and picked up male party.

Sunday, September 8

12:36 a.m. - Caller out of the Ames Hill Drive reported a noise complaint, people walking loudly. Police sent. They reported walking through the building and no noise.

5:56 p.m. - Police reported that a passenger informed her of someone wearing a blue sweatshirt attempting to steal a road sign at North Street and East Street. No damage visible to the sign.

10:22 p.m. - Caller reported motor vehicle accident on Whipple Road. Police and ambulance sent. Michael Nicolau, 37, of 86 White St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.



Wilmington Police Log

Alleged shoplifter from North Andover issued summons

Friday, Aug. 30:

1:38 p.m. - A black 2021 Cadillac CTS and a gray 2023 Subaru Forester were involved in a motor vehicle accident in front of the Simard's on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

4:30 p.m. - A caller on Middlesex Avenue reported a man standing outside of a vehicle acting animated. It turned out that this was due to a minor motor vehicle accident between a gray 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a gray 2019 Toyota Sienna.

11:36 p.m. - A woman in her 70's was reported being verbally aggressive towards staff members. This was due to a verbal disagreement over what time medication was delivered, and peace was restored.

Saturday, Aug. 31:

12:14 a.m. - A two-car motor vehicle accident was reported on the I-93 NB Hwy, with airbags reported to have been deployed. State police ended up handling the situation.

3:50 a.m. - A gray 2023 Nissan Versa was reported to have rolled over into the woods off of the I-93 NB highway. The situation was handled by state police and the Andover Fire Department.

5:02 p.m. - A brown 2016 Lexus RX350 hit a silver 2017 Subaru Forester while the latter was parked at the Planet Fitness on Middlesex Avenue. Information exchange was done prior to police arrival.

Sunday, Sept. 1:

10:58 a.m. - A caller on Main Street reported that a refrigerator fell off a truck onto the road, and that someone else had moved it to the side of the road. Mass Highway was notified to remove it before the end of the day.

2:31 p.m. - A caller on Main Street reported that an orange Rav4 passed him on the right and clipped the front right bumper of his black 2020 Toyota Camry.

Monday, Sept. 2:

5:27 p.m. - Nicholas James Wolfe of 315 Turnpike St., in North Andover, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. This followed loss prevention at the Target on Middlesex Avenue reporting that they had a shoplifter in their office.

5:37 p.m. - A black 2015 GMC Sierra and a gray 2010 Honda Civic were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the AL Prime on Main Street.

10:38 p.m. - A black 2008 Acura RDX caught on fire in the breakdown lane north of Rt. 125 on the I-93 NB highway. State police handled the situation.

Wednesday, Sept. 4:

9:43 a.m. - A blue 2013 Honda Accord was involved in a motor vehicle accident with a semi truck on Industrial Way. Both occupants of the Honda were taken to Lahey Medical Center.

10:55 a.m. - A caller at the town beach on Burnap Street reported an elderly man in a

checked out fine.

Thursday, Sept. 5:

7:15 a.m. - A caller at the Lowes on Main Street reported 30 people with trucks were blocking bay doors as a boycott due to an employee being terminated the day before.

12:24 p.m. - A black 2014 Chevy Tahoe and a red 2000 Ford F450 were involved in a motor vehicle accident

near the Golden Nozzle Car Wash on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

4:19 p.m. - A red 2016 Subaru Impreza, a red 2023 Jeep Wrangler, and a black 2016 Subaru Outback were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Middlesex Avenue. Airbags were deployed, and all parties involved declined medical attention.

Healey-Driscoll Administration celebrates \$25M in federal funding for roadway safety improvements

LYNN — Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll joined US Deputy Secretary of Transportation Polly Trottenberg, Congressman Seth Moulton and Mayor Jared Nicholson of Lynn to celebrate that Massachusetts communities and two entities have won \$25 million to improve roadway safety. The awards include \$9.5 million for Lynn to implement low-cost street design changes to reduce the risk of crashes.

The awards are part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, which was established through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and includes approximately \$5 billion in appropriated funds to be awarded over the next five years. Grants were made to 10 municipalities across the state, as well as the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Agency (MBTA) and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

"Improving roadway safety for drivers, bikers and pedestrians is critical for improving quality of life across our state. These grants will help our communities do the work that is most needed to keep residents and visitors alike safe on their streets," said Governor Maura Healey. "I want to thank our partners in the Biden-Harris administration for granting these awards and congratulate the awardees for their hard work to secure these funds."

"As a former Mayor, I know how critical these federal awards are to supporting our communities and making our residents safer," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We are continuing to compete aggressively to bring more federal dollars home to advance these important initiatives. Thank you to our partners at USDOT for these awards and the continued support of Massachusetts transportation needs."

"I am pleased to join Massachusetts leaders to celebrate that a dozen awardees including Lynn are receiving \$25 million from the Biden-Harris Administration to make their streets safer for everyone," said U.S. Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg. "We are proud to have found a formula that works for a large Federal program that is helping solve a national safety problem by working at the local level, in partnership with local leaders and community members."

"Making our streets safer for all users is a key part of our mission to deliver an equitable transportation network for the residents of Massachusetts," said Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "We are grateful to members of our congressional delegation who helped secure this Safe Streets and Roads for All funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation, and we look forward to supporting municipalities as they advance safety improvements in their communities."

"The Safe Streets for All program has been a key focus of the Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office. We know that SS4A is invaluable to advancing our goals to make roads safer for everyone while prioritizing community collaboration and have worked diligently to ensure that Massachusetts communities benefit from this program," said Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure Quentin Palfrey. "Thank you to the Biden-Harris administration, Secretary Buttigieg and all of our federal partners for these historic investments, and we look forward to seeing their impact across Massachusetts."

"Lynn sits only ten miles from Boston, yet it has historically missed out on the same investments in high-quality transportation and infrastructure afforded to its regional neighbors," said Congressman Seth Moulton (D-MA-06). "I'm thrilled that Lynn, Peabody, and so many other deserving communities across Massachusetts will receive this federal funding — made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law — to enhance road safety. I'm grateful for the continued partnership of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor."

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error, Senators Markey and Warren, leaders in Lynn and Peabody, the state delegation, and USDOT."

"We are incredibly grateful to receive this funding from our partners in Washington," said Mayor of Lynn Jared C. Nicholson. "This grant will allow us to perform critical improvements that will benefit all drivers, pedestrians and cyclists who use our roads."

The SS4A program funding awards can be used to improve roadway safety by supporting communities in developing comprehensive safety action plans, conducting data analyses, and implementing projects and strategies that seek to significantly reduce or eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. Additionally, awarded funding can also be used to support stakeholder engagement to ensure that all community members have a voice in developing plans, projects, and strategies.

The Massachusetts recipients of this round of SS4A funding are the following:

Lynn: \$9,586,487 — to implement low-cost street design changes throughout 17 miles on high-injury routes to address systemic crash risks.

Boston: \$3,520,577 — to update the City's Vision Zero Plan and conduct demonstration projects to pilot ways to improve safety on Meridian Street and Border Street in East Boston, including tightening turning radii at key intersections, creating separated bicycle lanes, adjusting striping, adding colored bus and bicycle lanes, and adjusting signal phasing.

Haverhill: \$743,778 — to implement temporary safety measures and analyze the most effective solution to meet the goal of zero deaths in the community.

Peabody: \$223,360 — to test safety interventions by altering the geometry of approximately 1.3 miles of Lynnfield Street and of key intersections along the corridor. A pop-up shared-use path will be added, the road will be restriped to narrow motor vehicle lanes, marked crosswalks at key intersections will be in-

stalled, and two intersections will be straightened and their corner radii reduced.

MBTA: \$2,155,020 — to retrofit 175 MBTA buses with the Mobileye technology, a collision avoidance system that provides real-time alerts and is designed specifically for buses with extended blind spots operating in crowded urban environments. The results of adding the technology, will inform future updates to the MBTA's comprehensive safety action plan.

MAPC: \$7,509,376 — to update their comprehensive safety action plan; conduct a series of walkability and bike-ability audits in shortlisted high-risk locations, along with various activities to engage residents who live near those locations or pass through them frequently; and implement quick-build traffic calming projects.

Watertown: \$806,192 — to conduct a Safe System Approach Educational Campaign and Citywide Speed Limit Study. Demonstration activities will include the deployment of traffic calming, pedestrian safety, and bicycle safety treatments near a school for the blind and visually impaired.

The Safe Streets and Roads for All award is the latest example of how the Healey-Driscoll administration is aggressively competing for federal funds. At the beginning of the administration, Gov. Healey established the Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO) to help lead the state's whole-of-government strategy for pursuing federal dollars.

Since January of 2023, Massachusetts has successfully brought more than \$7 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and CHIPS and Science Act to further priorities related to transportation, climate resiliency, job creation, and economic development.

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Wilmington High Roundup:

Big game for boys soccer Thursday

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The Wilmington High boys soccer team is off to an 0-3 to start, playing against the iron of the Middlesex League's Liberty Division.

The Wildcats will begin

Freedom Division competition on Thursday afternoon against Stoneham at SHS.

Wilmington lost its opener against Winchester by a 1-0 score.

Wildcat defenders Joe Glaser, Jon Mehr, Owen Fitzpatrick and Parker Canevari all had strong games.

Keeper Tyler Marinho was solid in goal, making eight saves.

Game 2 for Wilmington was a 5-0 loss to Arlington and the third match was also a 5-0 defeat in Lexington.

Against Lexington, Marinho was excellent in net with 10 saves.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Wilmington High boys and girls cross country teams started their seasons on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the MSTCA Relays in Attleborough.

The races consisted of teams of three runners with the first and third legs

being 1.6 miles and the second leg being 1.5 miles.

The first race was the Coed No. 1 race of two boys and one girl.

The Wildcats had two teams in this race and the team of Gavin Dong, Addy Hunt, and Dean Ciampi ran 26:19.09 to place 6th and earn themselves a medal.

The team of David Dynan, Charlotte Kiley and Cooper Holloran ran 27:39.88 and placed 13th.

The next race was the Coed No. 2 race of two girls and one boy. The Wildcat team of Rebecca Hughes, Nathan Carriere and Tessa Cappione placed 32nd with a time of 38:44.83.

In the Freshman/Sophomore Girls race the team of Katelyn LapPointe, Addy Hunt and Charlotte Kiley finished in 37:22.04 to place 15th.

The team of Erin Botte, Ciara O'Shea and Summer Aliperta placed 45th with a time of 51:09.36.

In the boys Freshman/Sophomore race, the team of Conor Burns, Colby O'Brien and Matt Lawlor placed 41st with a time of 31:16.27 and the team of Tommy Roofe, Liam Zollner and Cooper O'Shea placed 84th with a time of 37:43.95.

In the Junior/Senior Girls race, the team of Bella Zaya, Cayley Israelson and Kaitlyn Shackleford placed 29th with a time of 35:11.69.

In the last race of the day, the Junior/Senior Boys race, the team of Spencer Bagatza, Evan Cummings and Jake Cronin placed 34th with a time of 27:38.55.

"Everyone ran extremely well," said WHS coach Joseph Patrone.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Middlesex League isn't easy, especially to

open the season.

The Wilmington High girls soccer team is off to an 0-3 start after a brutal stretch to start the season against Winchester, Lexington and Arlington.

In a 1-0 loss to Lexington, Wilmington was competitive throughout the match.

"The beautiful weather was matched with a beautiful game today," said WHS coach Alvi Ibanez.

"Both teams created beautiful scoring opportunities and defensive plays."

With 14 minutes to go in the first half, Lexington scored the only goal of the game.

Ibanez was pleased with his team's defense, especially Erin McCarthy.

"She faced a very skilled left winger from Lexington and she was able to neutralize her for most of the game," said the coach.

Wilmington's second game of the year was a 4-0 loss against Arlington.

"The Arlington game had a rough start for us," Ibanez said. "The bus showed up a bit late and arrived at Arlington late. This prevented us from a proper warm up against a solid team. The lack of pre-game prep. showed up in the first eight minutes as we gave up two goals within that time."

Despite the loss, Wilmington left with some positives.

"It told us that if we want to make the playoffs and have a good run while in it, we need to find ways to score," Ibanez said. "So we are back to the drawing board to accomplish that."

In the season opener, Wilmington lost to Winchester, 3-1.

Winchester opened the scoring board during the first minute of the game when Luca Ventura was able to capitalize on a rebound after a cross.

The goal caught the Wildcats off guard but they were able to recover and tie the game up six minutes later when Hanna Hadzic found Jill Collins on a through ball that Collins was able to pick up and place around the goalie.

Winchester was able to take the lead for good with 12 minutes to go in the half. The second goal was scored by Lila Savage on a header off of a rebound.

The second half displayed more of the same battle in the middle of the field.

It was at the 25-minute mark when Gabi Hermsdorf broke through the middle and hit a shot past the goalkeeper.

► Preston Hunt (right) of Wilmington moves the ball down the field during a varsity soccer game Thursday afternoon.

Arlington High School netted a 5-0 victory.

(James Thomas photo)



▲ Wilmington Boys Soccer 2-Ethan Schoenholz (left) of Wilmington battles Simon Millar of Arlington for control of the ball during a varsity soccer game Thursday afternoon. Arlington High School netted a 5-0 victory.

(James Thomas photo)



► Preston Hunt (right) of Wilmington moves the ball down the field during a varsity soccer game Thursday afternoon.

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Shawsheen football starts with a win

Rams overcome early deficit, pull away from Bedford

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The game didn't exactly start off as the Shawsheen Tech football team hoped.

Senior quarterback Sid Tildsley's first pass of the 2024 season was intercepted.

The second drive ended when the Rams turned the ball over on downs.

The visiting Bedford High Buccaneers then

took a 7-0 lead in the opening moments of the second quarter, but the Rams eventually rallied for a 35-20 victory.

After going into the locker room tied at seven, Shawsheen scored on its first two possessions of the second half for a 21-7 lead.

Bedford made it 21-14 just before the end of the third quarter, but the Rams added two more scores in the fourth on the way to a 35-20 victory.

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"It was a great win," said Ram coach Al Costabile. "(Bedford) is a good team. They came prepared and they were hungry."

After the early interception gave Bedford a first-and-goal at Shawsheen's 9-yard line, Shawsheen's defense answered its first call of the season.

Junior Nathan Malandain and junior Eric Banda combined to stop Gilman for a 2-yard

loss on first down before senior Cullen Walsh of Wilmington buried Gilman for another 2-yard loss on third-and-six.

Bedford missed a field goal moments later, but scored on a 25-yard run by senior quarterback Ryan McGrath just 54 seconds into the second quarter.

A 20-yard run by senior Drew Siwik set up the score for Bedford.

Shawsheen had to punt away its next possession,

but a booming kick by

senior Jack Finn of Billerica was misplayed by the Bedford receiver and fumbled. Walsh pounced on the loose ball at the Bedford 26.

Three plays later, Tildsley scored on a 6-yard run and Finn's extra point made it 7-7 with 3:12 left in the half. A 13-yard keeper by Tildsley set up the touchdown.

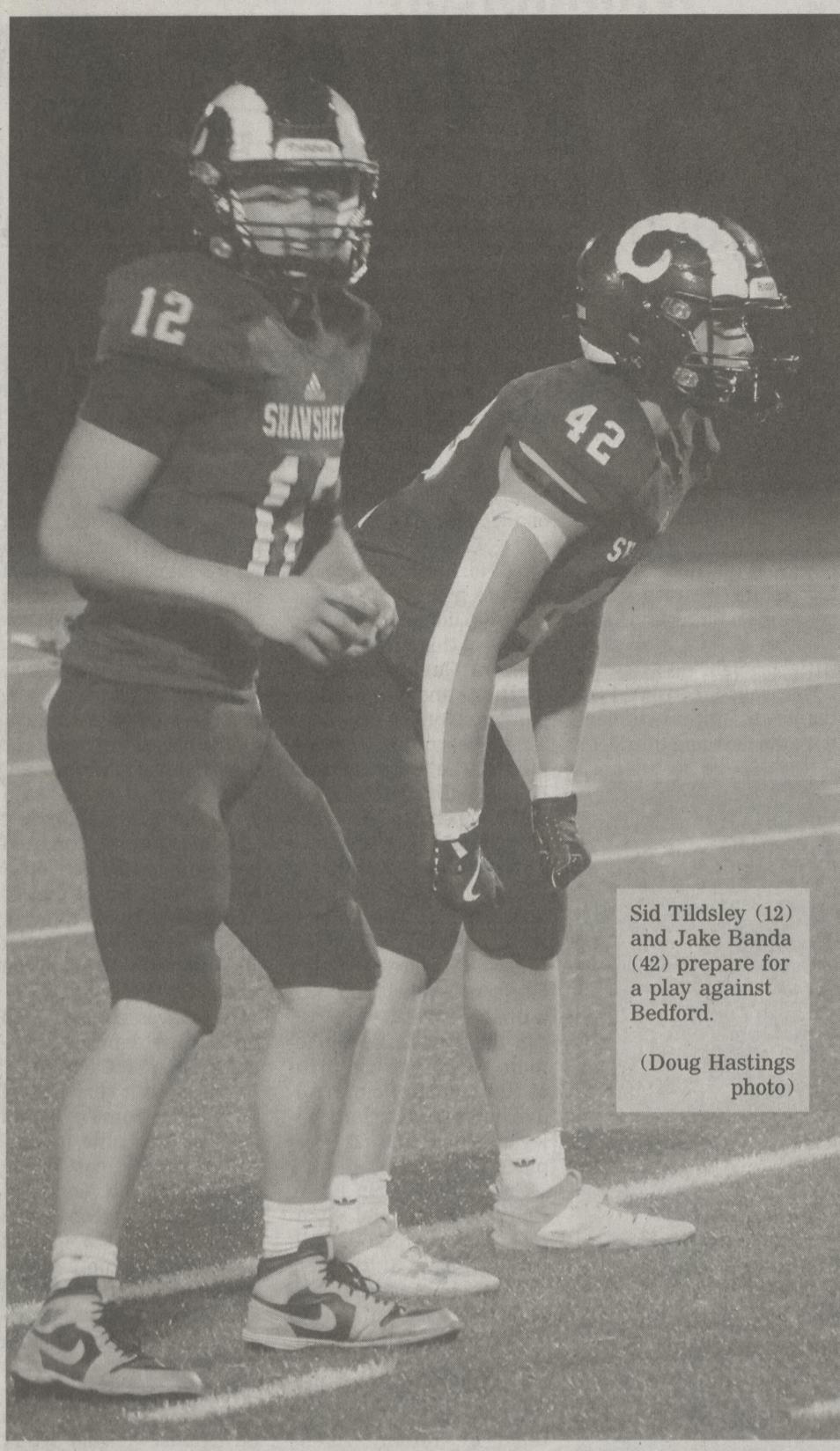
"That was a huge momentum swing," Costabile said of the fumbled punt. "Enormous."

The second half started with a 32-yard kickoff return by Shawsheen senior Zack Timmons of Wilmington.

It led to a seven-play, 42-yard scoring drive that ended when junior Jake Banda of Wilmington scored on an 8-yard run with 8:19 left in the quarter. Jake Banda's 13-yard run set up the touchdown.

After a Bedford punt,

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Sid Tildsley (12) and Jake Banda (42) prepare for a play against Bedford.

(Doug Hastings photo)



Eric Banda makes a tackle for the Rams.

(Doug Hastings photo)

Shawsheen football starts with a victory

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Shawsheen faced a third-and-eight from its own 12-yard line on its next drive before the Rams called a timeout. After the break in the action, Tildsley hit junior Dyllon Pratt of Billerica down the left sideline for an 88-yard touchdown pass and a 21-7 Shawsheen lead with 4:49 left in the third.

Bedford answered with a solid drive that ended with a 15-yard touchdown run by McGrath.

Senior Henry Lewis' extra point made it 21-14 with just 1:08 left in the third.

A 38-yard heave from McGrath to Mekhi Volcy was the big play of the drive for the Bucs.

Shawsheen answered quickly when Banda bust-

ed loose for a 47-yard touchdown run. Finn's fourth straight extra point made it 28-14 just nine seconds into the final quarter.

"That was huge when they pulled to within seven points and we came back with an answer,"

Costabile said. "That was a pivotal point in the game."

The Ram defense helped put the game away.

Junior Josh Powderly had a good tackle on the ensuing kickoff return and an interception by Tildsley on second down set up Shawsheen's last score, a 13-yard touchdown run by Tildsley with 7:10 remaining to push the lead to 35-14.

Timmons pounded out a 12-yard run to set up the touchdown.

Despite another solid tac-

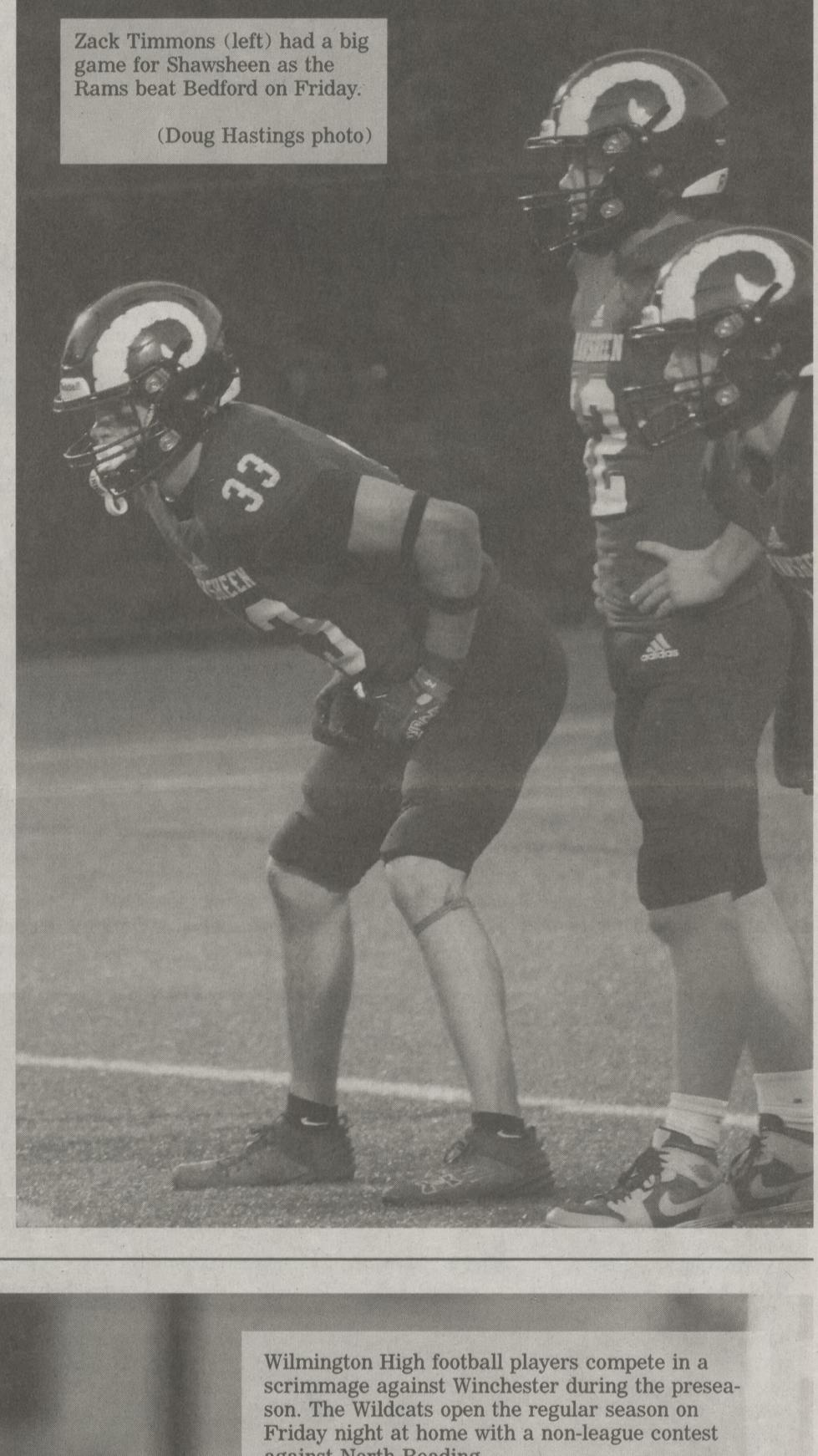
kle on a kickoff return by Ram junior Ralph Raymond and a combined sack by senior Trent Wedge of Wilmington and Jake Banda, Bedford added a touchdown with 1:34 on the clock.

McGrath hit senior Samuel DeAngelis with a 19-yard touchdown pass.

The 2-point conversion failed.

"We have some improvements to make, but I'm very happy with their effort, their discipline and I'm really happy with the coaches," Costabile said. "These kids worked really hard in the offseason and that showed today."

Shawsheen plays Friday night in Belmont at 6:30 p.m. in another difficult non-league test for the Rams.



Zack Timmons (left) had a big game for Shawsheen as the Rams beat Bedford on Friday.

(Doug Hastings photo)

Wilmington football opens Friday

Chelmsford has too much for 'Cats in endowment game

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In an endowment game that will not count on either team's record this season, the Wilmington High football team lost on Friday against an explosive Chelmsford High squad, 48-6 at Chelmsford High.

The Wildcats took an early 6-0 lead when Mark Holleran threw for the lone Wildcat touchdown to Connor Lovell a minute and a half into the game.

Quarterback Ryan Hart threw for two touchdowns and ran for one in the win for the Lions.

"The good news is that this game does not count toward the standings," said Wilmington coach Craig Turner. "Physically I thought we hung in there in the first half for the most part, but we just didn't make tackles."

It became a track meet on the field because we missed too many tackles.

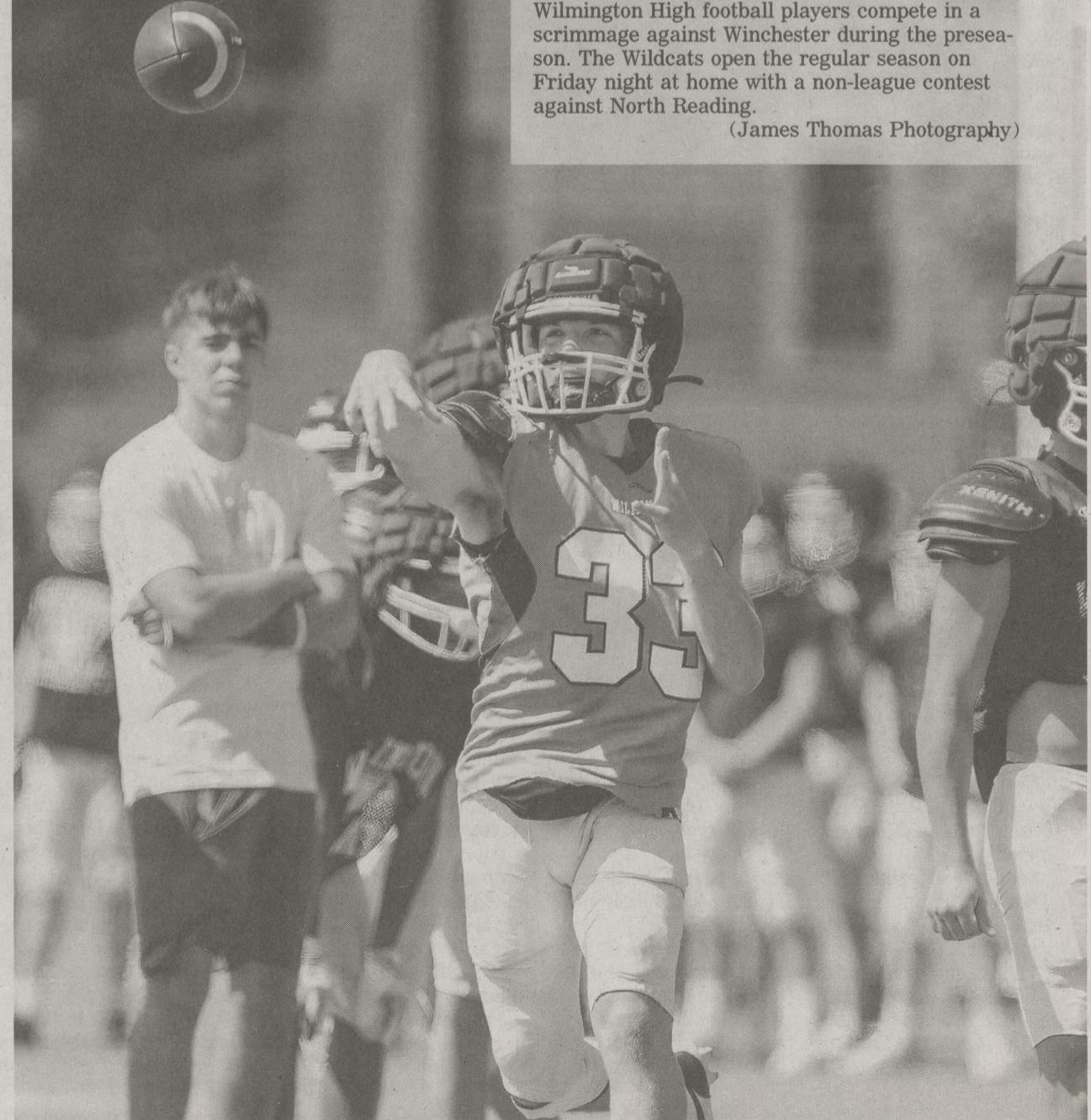
This is something we will work on this week. They have a big physical program, and we wanted to see where we stack up. Connor (Lovell) made a great play on the touchdown, and I thought Mark (Holleran) played well. He threw some nice passes, but made a few mistakes I know he would like back.

Turner was happy with Holleran's debut under center.

"As a sophomore I thought he did pretty well in his first start, but has a lot to learn," said the coach. "We have our work cut out for us to get ready for the season."

Wilmington won the toss and elected to receive.

Holleran dropped back to pass on second down, but



Wilmington High football players compete in a scrimmage against Winchester during the pre-season. The Wildcats open the regular season on Friday night at home with a non-league contest against North Reading.

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Wildcat football opens Friday night at home

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his throw was picked off by Jake Brooks at the Wilmington 40 returning it to the nine.

The defense came through with a turnover of their own.

On second-and-goal from the six, Hart rolled right but was taken down at the 15. He fumbled the ball and it was recovered by Kyle Gabaree at the Wilmington 15 with 11:15 left in the first.

Wilmington's next drive resulted in a touchdown.

On third down from the 18, Holleran rolled to his right throwing down the right side. Lovell got behind the defense making the over-the-shoulder catch at the 45 of Wilmington. He broke free going 82 yards for the touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but the Wildcats still lead 6-0 with 10:30 left in the first.

Chelmsford opened their next drive at their own 33 and CHS back Nate Duggan rolled right taking the handoff. He broke free going the distance for the touchdown. The extra point was blocked by Lovell as the game was tied at six with 10:15 left in the first.

Chelmsford took the lead after the Wildcats were forced to punt from their own 39 to the Lion 21. On first down, Hart threw left connecting with Gable Gray at the Lion 40. He

went down the left 79 yards for the touchdown. Patrick McConnell made the extra point with 8:49 left in the first to give Chelmsford a 13-6 lead.

The Lions kept adding points.

A Brooks punt return for a touchdown and a 58-yard touchdown pass from Hart to Brooks made it 27-6 with 3:58 left in the first quarter.

It stayed that way until 11:52 of the second quarter. Joseph Nordengren recovered a fumbled punt at the Wilmington 20. On second down from the 19, Dillon Dulong took the handoff running left through the line for the touchdown.

The extra point gave Chelmsford a 34-6 lead with 11:52 left in the half. Things continued to go the Lions way when a bad snap by Wilmington while punting forced an incomplete pass turning the ball over on downs at the Wildcat 22.

Two plays later on first-and-goal from the five, Hart kept the ball and scored. The extra point gave Chelmsford a 41-6 lead with 9:34 left in the half. Dulong ended the scoring with a 46-yard carry with 4:36 left in the half. McConnell kicked the extra point for the 48-6 final.

Both teams started putting in backups in the second half.

Wilmington managed to get the ball inside the Chelmsford 10 in the final seconds of the game. The Wildcats went 44

yards in eight plays but ran out of time.

Wilmington opens the season at home against North Reading this Friday.

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Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Solid start for Ram girls soccer

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The Shawsheen Tech girls soccer team opened the season with a 2-1 loss against Greater Lowell, but rebounded with a solid 6-0 win over Innovation Academy, impro Junior Maria Cafaro had four goals to spark the offense while other scorers included Kenzie Weatherbee and Ava Noble, both juniors.

Chalking up assists were junior Cera Salter with two, junior Jailyn DiNuccio, Noble, Weatherbee and senior Skylar Driscoll.

Keeper Sydney MacPherson made six saves.

Ram coach Doug Michaud praised the efforts of midfielders Noble, Sal-

ter and DiNuccio.

Shawsheen's next game is the following Saturday against Groton-Dunstable in Groton at 10 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER FALLS

Shawsheen Tech's boys soccer team lost its opener to defending Commonwealth Athletic Conference champion Greater Lowell, 7-3.

Junior Davide Vitale had two goals for the Rams and senior captain Ethan Melanson had the final one for Shawsheen.

The Rams return to the field on Sept. 12 at home against Northeast Regional at 5 p.m.

GOLFERS START 2-0



▲ Maria Cafaro of Shawsheen Tech (right) battles with Megan Cargill of Innovation Academy for control of the ball during a varsity soccer game Thursday afternoon at Shawsheen Tech. Shawsheen was a 6-0 winner.

(James Thomas photo)

The Shawsheen Tech golf team had a nice win last week over Minuteman Tech by a score of 160-146 at the Pine Meadows Golf Club in Lexington, improving Shawsheen to 2-0.

Low medalist for the Rams was Larry Cullity with a 38 and 30 points.

Also scoring for the Rams

were Tyler Frediani with a 39 and 28 points, Max Carpenter with a 40 and 27 points.

Dylan Higson with a 41 and 26 points, Joe Da Silva with a 41 and 25 points and Aidan Fortunato with a 41 and 24 points.

The golf team started off its season with a win over Greater Lowell by a score

of 154-118 at the Merrimack Valley Golf Club in Methuen.

Low medalist for the round was Carpenter with a 36 and 32 points.

Also scoring for the Rams were Cullity with a 38 and 30 points, Fortunato with a 38 and 28 points, DaSilva with a 40 and 25 points,

Frediani with a 43 and 20 points and Ryan Dodge with a 46 and 17 points.

VOLLEYBALL WINS FIRST THREE

The Shawsheen Tech volleyball team had a huge win on Friday by a 3-2 score against Tewksbury.

The Rams won by set scores of 20-25, 25-17, 25-16, 19-25, 15-11.

Senior Fiona Rexford led the offense with 11 kills followed by junior Maura Krueger with 10 kills.

Junior Frankie Reardon contributed with 7 kills and 17 assists.

Against Whittier, Shawsheen won, 3-0.

Strong serving efforts by senior Meagan O'Leary, senior Caden Cooper, and junior Isabella DiSalvo were a driving force behind the Rams success.

Rexford led the offense with 9 kills.

The Rams opened the year with a 3-0 win over Greater Lawrence.

Leading the way for Shawsheen was junior Izzy DiSalvo with 16 digs and Reardon with 6 kills.



▲ Shea Kelley (center) of Shawsheen Tech battles for control of the ball as Yuli Mamet of Innovation Academy defends during a varsity soccer game Thursday afternoon. Shawsheen Tech netted a 6-0 victory.

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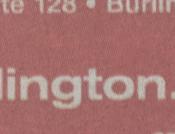
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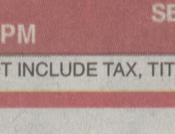
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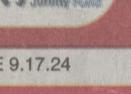
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